

The Weather Story



Write a short story of 4 to 8 pages in length, double spaced, 12 point font, with 1500 to 2500 words. Your story may be fiction, nonfiction, or a combination of the two but please let me know. The story does not have to be specifically about the weather but must include at least 3 atmospheric science related facts or information bites within the story. Your story could be a detective story, love story, kids story, or a story about the weather based either on you experience or on the experience of someone else. The reference to the katabatic wind in the suspense story below is an example of how one might weave weather related information into a story.

"The cold dense katabatic wind(2) sinking down from the glacial plateau above kept Smitty so cold that his rigid blue fingers could barely grip the snub nose revolver he cautiously cradled"

Your grade for this activity will be based on:

<p>Mechanics: Title of story, Your Name, Spelling, grammar, format, organization and neatness, let me know whether you story is fiction or non-fiction. 20%</p>	<table> <thead> <tr> <th>poor</th> <th>fair</th> <th>good</th> <th>great</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0-4</td> <td>6</td> <td>9</td> <td>12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	poor	fair	good	great	0-4	6	9	12
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<p>Creativity: Whether your story is true or not its creative presentation is important. This includes not only your story idea but also how your story and scientific content flow together. 35%</p>	<table> <tbody> <tr> <td>0-8</td> <td>12</td> <td>18</td> <td>21</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	0-8	12	18	21				
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<p>Scientific content: Include several (3 or more) true scientific ideas/facts/tidbits related to meteorology in your story. Try to creatively weave these into your story so</p>	<table> <tbody> <tr> <td>0-8</td> <td>12</td> <td>18</td> <td>21</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	0-8	12	18	21				
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they do not interrupt the flow of your story 35 %	
References cited: At least two unique references must be cited within the text and also referenced at the end. 10%.	0-2 4 5 6
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References: In the text simply label the reference with a numerical value and then give the full reference at the end of you story. For example

"..... Pete knew that 90% of all ozone around Earth is in the stratosphere (1) so he quickly"

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The complete references at the end of your paper should follow the format below.

For Journals or magazine articles references should include:

Author, publication date, Title of article, Journal name, volume, number, and page number.

For books the reference should include:

Author, Title of book, Chapter, page number(s), publisher with city, publication date.

For World Wide Web sites the reference should include:

Title, author, affiliation, and complete URL address.

Each category above will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Great- Exceeds all stated objectives of the assignment and adds personal style and insights to final product

Good- meets all stated objectives of assignment

Fair- meets most of the stated objectives of assignment with one or two moderate errors or weaknesses

Poor- meets some of the stated objectives with several moderate errors and/or a real goof