A short story is a well-crafted work of fiction that consists only of text (words) and has a clear beginning, middle, and end.

**ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**
- Entrants must be in kindergarten through twelfth grade.
- Entrants must be a legal resident of Kentucky.
- Only one entry per category.
- Only single-author stories written within the current school year are eligible.
- Children of contest judges and KET employees are not eligible.

**ENTRY PROCEDURE**
- Complete the online entry form at KET.org/WritersContest.
- Form must be submitted, and writing piece uploaded, by midnight EST Friday, March 31, 2023.

**WORD COUNT**
- Short Stories may not exceed 1200 words.

**STORY FORMAT**
- Student’s full name and grade level must be included on a cover or title page, or at the top of the first page.
- All work should be on the front of the page.
- Text should be typed.
- All characters must be original. Copyrighted names are not allowed.
- Nonfiction work based on research should include a list of sources used.
- Students may conference with parents, teachers, and peers on their work.

**CONTENT**
- Entry content, topics, and themes must be school appropriate.