**Checklist for Writing**

* I have created a beginning that grabs the reader’s attention
* Don’t Waste Time!!! Jump into the action and take your reader on a ride
* I have created believable characters - more than simply a name, or physical appearance
* Characters are three-dimensional, believable, have depth, personality traits
* I have set my story in a believable location – a reader can imagine where everything takes place
* Upon closing one’s eyes can we imagine where everything is happening
* I have made sure that my story has a conflict, or problem that requires solving
* This can be: human vs. human, human vs. nature, or human vs. him/herself
* I have set up my story in a sequence of events that I believe makes the most sense
* I have put the events in the story in an order that makes the most logical sense
* Upon reading my story, the reader will understand the theme, or message of the story
* What is the point of your story?