Checklist for peer and self- editing of short stories

Give a grade of 1 -4 for each

1. Do you have a catchy opening that gets the reader’s attention?
2. Is there setting development? Do you use descriptive language that creates a picture in the reader’s mind? Imagery?
3. Is there Character Development? Do we make connections with the main character/s?
4. Is the story line/plot easy to follow? Does it contain a conflict? Does it lead up to a climax? Is there some resolution? Conclusion?
5. Is the story well organized and written in effective paragraphs?
6. Is there an attempt to use impressive vocabulary?
7. **Mechanics**: spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, word choice, etc…

Extra

1. Was dialogue used effectively with correct use of quotations?
2. Is the story interesting and entertaining?
3. Any attempt made to use similes, metaphors, complications, etc…