**English 10 Name:**

**Mr. Fisher**

**“We Have to Write a Short Story? That’s Not Fair!”**

Background:Lately, we have been reading a few short stories. These stories all shared a common topic: justice. What is fair? What is not fair? Many students today discuss this same topic, though often “fair” means “good for me” and “unfair” means “something I don’t like.” However, the real meaning of “fair” is far more complex and takes a little more thought.

Assignment: Your task is to write a fictional short story (which should measure about 300-700 words or so) about justice. Your story can have any setting you’d like. It could take place in the past, present, or future. It could involve a school, a prison, a home, or even another planet. That being said, your story should, on some level, tackle the question of fairness.

Requirements:

* Your story should have a theme that relates to justice or fairness.
* Your story should be about 300-700 words.
* Your story should be typed.
* Your story should be in MLA format.
* Your story should be turned in on turnitin.com.
* Your story should be good. If you aim to write a stupid, lousy story…well, I honestly don’t know why you would want to write a story that was stupid or lousy.
* Your story should not be written in code in order to relay secret messages to the CIA. Use someone else’s homework to help you with your spying!

Grade: You will be graded based on the following rubric:

 Failing Poor Average Good Nearly Perfect

Quality of story: 1 2 3 4 5

Pacing of story: 1 2 3 4 5

Displays a clear theme

about justice or fairness : 1 2 3 4 5

Creativity: 1 2 3 4 5

Grammar, spelling, usage,

and other syntax : 1 2 3 4 5

Grade: