

## **Short Story Checklist**

1. Why should the reader care about this story, the characters, the places, or the events? Anything in the story that doesn't have an answer to this question should probably be cut.
2. What is the purpose of the story? Will the reader understand the purpose?
3. There are five senses, write about all of them.
4. Write at least one unique quality about each major character.
5. Read the story out loud. A lot of awkward phrasing is exposed this way.