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Teen Author Boot Camp JUDGING CRITERIA

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Needs Work
Amazing

Good

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Opening Hook	The <i>beginning</i> pulled me in, was interesting, and made me want to read more	The beginning had a few interesting components, but fell a little flat.	The beginning was hard to follow. Couldn't understand what was happening. Was boring.
Interesting Voice	The writing was smooth, easy to read, and had great word choice; a fun and/or interesting read	Some sections lacked voice, were hard to read, or had boring or repetitive word choice	Most of the piece was hard to read, the word choice was repetitive, the piece didn't have any flair
Dialog	Dialogue (either spoken or internal) seemed natural and moved the story toward the appropriate plot point	Story was lacking in dialogue or the dialogue in some parts didn't enhance the plot	Dialogue was not present or the dialogue pulled the reader out of the story.
Strong Characters	The characters seemed like real people, were interesting, and I cared about	For the most part, characters seemed real, but there were sections where the	Characters were not believable or interesting

	them	characterization seemed off	
Unique Premise	Story is unique and interesting. The concept is fresh and exciting. Haven't read anything like this before	Story had a few interesting elements, but the idea has been done many times in the past	Story idea is one that has been done many times before, not unique or original at all
Mechanics	Grammar, spelling, and punctuation were perfect	Some mistakes in grammar, spelling, or punctuation	Piece was rife with grammar spelling, and/or punctuation mistakes