Your Final Story

On Wednesday, January 23 you will have one final story due. This will be a polished, illustrated story that is your showpiece.

You may pick any story that you have written, but it must be of decent length. I will be meeting individually with every student to determine what story to select and if it is of appropriate length. It is possible for those students who have created a series of shorter stories to gather these into a collection.

The layout of the story should be unique to the story. This is not a "paper," so there is no reason to publish your document using the standard format. Take a look at how books vary and think about mixing it up yourself: use columns, play with layout, change up the size, print it front-to-back, examine font choices. These are all elements to consider when putting together your final piece.

The illustrations should be thoughtful and relevant. They can be your own or downloaded from clip art or the internet and should be part of your story. This means that you should not just plop a huge picture in your text. Use text wrap, factor it into the layout, and be thoughtful with placement. Illustrations should not be stapled to the end of your story. You must have a minimum of three illustrations.

You know what they say about books and covers and judging? Whether we do judge or not, you should most certainly put effort into your cover. It is the first thing that your readers see, so make it inviting and exciting.

Finally, once your readers open your cover, what will they see? Will there be errors? Should there be errors? Of course not, so make sure you take the time to carefully proofread your work. If you have ANY questions about sentence structure, usage, vocabulary, grammar, capitalization, etc., what should you do? Yes, you know the answer to that: ask!!

Final story requirements (50 points):
    Final draft, typed, corrected, complete: 30 points
    Cover page (story name, author's name, illustration?): 5 points
    Illustrations: 10 points
    Thoughtful consideration of package: 5 points