Realistic Fiction Checklist

Name _____________________________________________________ Date ____________

Title ______________________________________________________________________

Yes  No  Not Sure*

1. My story has a strong lead.  ___ ___ ___
2. My story is told in first or third person. ___ ___ ___
3. My story has a present-day, lifelike setting with time and place. ___ ___ ___
4. The characters are like everyday people. ___ ___ ___
5. At least one character deals with a conflict. ___ ___ ___
6. The conflict causes the main character to change. ___ ___ ___
7. I tell the problem at the beginning of the story. ___ ___ ___
8. I have 3 to 5 events in my story. ___ ___ ___
9. My story has a solution to the problem. ___ ___ ___
10. My story has a believable ending. ___ ___ ___
11. I used descriptive words, including adjectives and adverbs, to tell about people, places, and events. ___ ___ ___
12. I used dialogue to bring my story to life. ___ ___ ___

Quality Writing Checklist
I looked for and revised . . .

incomplete sentences. ___ ___ ___
subject/verb agreement. ___ ___ ___
capitalization. ___ ___ ___
punctuation (rules for dialogue). ___ ___ ___
spelling. ___ ___ ___

I included . . .

objective pronouns. ___ ___ ___
adverbs. ___ ___ ___
sentences that start with And and/or But. ___ ___ ___

* Confer with your teacher about checklist items you are not sure you have addressed.