

Black Cowboy Short Story Rubric for _____

Criteria	4	3	2	1
Black Cowboy Historical accuracy	All information is historically accurate, including when the story takes place, the cowboy's daily life and work, etc.	Most information is historically accurate, there are 1 or 2 mistakes	Some information is historically accurate, there are 3 or 4 mistakes	Very little is historically accurate; more than 4 mistakes
Character creation	The cowboy character is of your own imagination, their story is different from Nat Love and Bill Pickett	The cowboy character is of your own imagination, though a few details are the same, or very similar too, the life of a real black cowboy	The cowboy character is closely modeled after a real life cowboy, many life details are the same as a real black cowboy	The cowboy is Nat Love or Bill Pickett, names may be different but the description is the same
Treatment in society	Your story clearly indicates how black cowboys were treated in their job as opposed to in mainstream society	Your story indicates somewhat how black cowboys were treated in their job as opposed to in mainstream society	Your story vaguely indicates how black cowboys were treated in their job as opposed to in mainstream society	Your story does not indicate how black cowboys were treated in their job as opposed to in mainstream society
Style	Story has lots of vivid details that create a believable character, setting, and plot; most are beneficial to the story	Story has many details that create a believable character, setting, and plot; some details may seem unnecessary	Story has some details that create a believable character, setting, and plot; some details may seem unnecessary	Story lacks details to create a realistic
Organization	Story is well organized with a clear beginning, middle, and end	Story is pretty well organized with a clear beginning, middle, and end; some parts are out of place	Story lacks clear organization; the plot does not flow clearly; many parts are out of place and it is difficult to follow	Story has no organization; plot is very difficult or impossible to follow
Grammar and mechanics	Minimal grammatical or mechanical errors	Some grammatical or mechanical errors	Many grammatical or mechanical errors	Grammar and mechanics make it difficult to read

Total points _____ out of 24 = _____ %

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