**CRITERIA FOR UPSTANDERS CHILDRENS’ STORY (FABLE)**

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| TOPIC/THEME | WRITING STYLE | CHARACTERS |
| Life lesson/moral | Hook/interesting start to the story | Animal characters only |
| Some conflict (that gets resolved/ addressed)by including others | Easy to understand | Relatable characters with big/clear feelings |
| Clear message that is kid-friendly = Lessons about friendship/being in a group learned | Surprise plot twist/unexpected resolution \*\* | Antagonist/Protagonist  |
|  | Simple Vocabulary | Characters are ORIGINAL (no Mickey Mouse, Nemo) |

*OPTIONAL - YOUR STORY MAY HAVE:*

*Rhyming Good/Bad consequences and rewards*

*Humor/Trickster Surprise factor/Plot twist*