

Revising a Historical Short Story

Most of writing is rewriting. When rewriting a historical short story, here is a checklist of what to review to improve your rough draft. I have separated these into two groups. Focus on the first group on your first rewrite of the story, and the second group when you're writing your final draft.



Review 1

- _____ It is clear when the story takes place.
- _____ It is clear where the story takes place.
- _____ All dates are correct.
- _____ All names (people and places) are spelled correctly.
- _____ All the characters' language fits the time period.
- _____ All other historical details (clothing, food, transportation, etc.) are as accurate as possible.

Review 2

- _____ All capitalization is correct.
- _____ All punctuation is correct.
- _____ Any other grammar rules you know are followed correctly.