

As the legend goes, Ernest Hemingway once wrote a six-word short story that was so good, it could make people cry. Some say it was to settle a bet. Others say it was a personal challenge directed at other famous authors. Hemingway's short story was: For sale: Baby shoes, never worn. Julius Caesar's hand at a six-word short story: "I came, I saw, I conquered. [Latin: Veni, vidi, vici.]"

In short, a short story needs a beginning, middle and end.

In the spirit of the Tulsa Model's Indicator 7—teachers embedding the components of literacy into all instructional content—we wish to offer a contest:

With literacy in mind, your charge is to prepare a "six-word short story" with a beginning, middle and end that answers one of the following questions:

- 1. What is the greatest strength of the Tulsa Model? OR
- 2. What is the greatest challenge of the Tulsa Model?

The winners from each category will have their name, photo, school name and literary submission appear in the May issue of the Tulsa Model Messenger. Keep in mind that this statewide e-publication is read by more than 2,000 administrators. Plus, the top authors will receive the 1st annual Tulsa Model Literary Award certificate.

We invite you to submit your six-word short story to TheTulsaModel@tulsaschools.org by March 22.