



Writes narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

	4 - Exceeds	3 - Proficient	2 - Approaching	1 - Beginning
Understanding	Narrative solidly connects to text and/or assigned topic	Narrative connects to text and/or assigned topic	Narrative connects loosely to text and/or assigned topic	Narrative does not connect to text and/or assigned topic
Organization/ Purpose	Events are focused around a central problem or tension	Recounts a well-elaborated event or short sequence of connected events	Relationship between events is, at times, unclear	Sequence of events is confusing; may contain frequent extraneous ideas and/or a major drift
	Uses a variety of temporal words and phrases to signal event order	Uses temporal words to signal event order	Does not use temporal words to signal event order	Lack of temporal words causes confusion
	Creates a satisfying ending	Provides a sense of closure	Closing is weak or confusing	Ends abruptly
Elaboration	Uses descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop characters	Includes details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings	Detail about the characters is minimal	Does not describe characters; may be very brief
	Uses a rich and varied vocabulary		Uses a basic vocabulary	Uses a limited vocabulary
Conventions	Few, if any, errors in usage and sentence formation	Some errors in usage and sentence formation are present, but no systematic pattern of errors is displayed	Frequent errors in usage may obscure meaning	Errors in usage and/or punctuation, capitalization, and spelling are frequent and severe, and meaning is
	Effective and consistent use of grade appropriate punctuation, capitalization, and spelling	Adequate use of grade appropriate punctuation, capitalization, and spelling	Inconsistent use of grade appropriate punctuation, capitalization, and spelling	often obscured

Note: Descriptors in **bold** are taken directly from the CCSS for this grade level. Some of the language used in this rubric has been adapted from the SBAC and PAARC rubrics.