

Grade 4: Narrative Writing Rubric *DRAFT*

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	Connection to content or text enhances the narrative	Narrative is clearly connected to assigned content or text	Connections to assigned content or text may be awkward or vague	Connections to assigned content or text are missing or detract from the narrative
Organization/ Purpose	<p>Effectively orients the reader to the characters and situation</p> <p>Organizational structure contributes to the development of characters or events</p> <p>Transitional words and phrases are well chosen</p> <p>Creates a satisfying ending</p>	<p>Orients the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters</p> <p>Organizes an event sequence that unfolds naturally</p> <p>Uses a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.</p> <p>Provides a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.</p>	<p>Minimally establishes a situation and a narrator/characters</p> <p>Sequence of events is, at times, vague or unclear.</p> <p>Transitional words and phrases are present, but may be minimal, poorly chosen, or incorrectly used.</p> <p>Closing is weak or confusing</p>	<p>Does not establish a situation and/or a narrator/characters</p> <p>Sequence of events is illogical or confusing</p> <p>Lack of transitional words and phrases causes confusion</p> <p>Ends abruptly</p>
Elaboration	<p>Effectively uses dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations.</p> <p>Use of concrete detail and sensory language enhances the narrative</p>	<p>Uses dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations.</p> <p>Uses concrete words and phrases and sensory language to convey experiences and events precisely.</p>	<p>Use of narrative techniques does not develop experiences, events or characters</p> <p>Uses a basic vocabulary</p>	<p>Use of narrative techniques is minimal or absent</p> <p>Uses a limited vocabulary</p>
Conventions	Few, if any, errors in usage and sentence formation	Some errors in usage and sentence formation are present,	Frequent errors in usage may obscure meaning	

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	Effective and consistent use of grade appropriate punctuation, capitalization, and spelling	but no systematic pattern of errors is displayed Adequate use of grade appropriate punctuation, capitalization, and spelling	Inconsistent use of grade appropriate punctuation, capitalization, and spelling	Errors in usage and/or punctuation, capitalization, and spelling are frequent and severe, and meaning is often obscured
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