Narrative Writing Rubric

Score	Focus	Organization	Development	Language and Vocabulary	Conventions
4	Narrative keeps a close focus on events that tell about a family.	Sequence of two or more events unfolds naturally; clear sense of closure is evident.	Narrative contains detailed events.	Narrative contains a wide variety of temporal words or phrases.	Narrative contains correct use of verb tense and subject/verb agreement.
3	Narrative tells events about a family.	Sequence of two or more events unfolds adequately; sense of closure is evident.	Narrative contains adequate description of events.	Narrative contains temporal words and/or phrases.	Narrative contains an error in either verb tense or agreement.
2	Narrative has several events that are not about a family.	Two events seem to occur separately; ending lacks clarity.	Narrative contains inadequate details of story events.	Narrative contains a temporal word or phrase.	Narrative contains an error in both verb tense and agreement.
1	Narrative has only one or two events.	Sequence of events is nonexistent; ending seems lost.	Narrative does not include details of events.	Narrative does not contain temporal words or phrases.	Narrative contains many errors in verb tense and agreement.
0	Possible characteristics that would warrant a 0: • No response is given. • Child does not demonstrate an adequate command of narrative writing traits. • Response is unintelligible, illegible, or off topic.				