Narrative Writing Rubric

Score	Focus	Organization	Development	Language and Vocabulary	Conventions
4	Narrative is clearly focused on a selection animal, its home, and an event at the animal's home.	Narrative has two pictures or a picture and words that go together well.	Narrative effectively shows the connection between the pictures or between the picture and words.	Narrative makes effective use of text details in picture(s) and action word(s) in writing.	Command of conventions is strongly demonstrated.
3	Narrative is mostly focused on a selection animal, its home, and an event at the animal's home.	Narrative has two pictures or a picture and words that mostly go together.	Narrative adequately shows the connection between the pictures or between the picture and words.	Narrative makes reasonable use of text details in picture(s) and action word(s) in writing.	Command of conventions is sufficiently demonstrated.
2	Narrative is about a nonselection animal and its home and does not tell about an event.	Narrative has two pictures or a picture and words, but they do not go together.	Narrative needs to show a clearer connection between the pictures or the picture and words.	Narrative makes limited use of text details in picture(s) and lacks action words in writing.	Command of conventions is uneven.
1	Narrative is not about a selection animal, its home, or an event at the animal's home.	Narrative has only one picture or some words.	Narrative lacks the parts to show any connection.	Narrative uses few text details in the picture. It has no action words.	There is very little command of conventions.
0	Possible characteristics that would warrant a 0: • no response is given • does not demonstrate adequate command of narrative writing traits • response is unintelligible, illegible, or off topic				