# Narrative Writing Rubric

| Score | Focus | Organization | Development | Language and Vocabulary | Conventions |
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| 4 | Narrative fully establishes a situation and characters; clearly shows the main character's understanding of the environment. | Narrative contains an organized sequence of events with a clear beginning, middle, and end. | Narrative effectively uses dialogue, description, pacing, and other methods to develop events and characters' responses to events. | Narrative uses transitional words, phrases, and clauses to establish the sequence of events. | Narrative uses correct grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. |
| 3 | Narrative establishes a situation and characters; shows characters' understanding of the environment. | Narrative contains a sequence of events that is mostly logical and comprehensible. | Narrative uses some methods to develop events and characters' responses to events. | Narrative uses some transitions that are signaled appropriately with sequence words and phrases. | Narrative has a few errors but is completely understandable. |
| 2 | Narrative does not fully establish a situation and characters; characters' understanding of the environment is marginally addressed. | Narrative's key events are missing or out of order. | Narrative techniques are used only once or twice in the story to develop character experience and response. | Narrative uses some temporal words and phrases to signal event order. | Narrative has some errors in usage, grammar, spelling, and/or punctuation. |
| 1 | Narrative does not establish a situation or characters; characters' understanding of the environment is not addressed. | Narrative contains events that are disorganized or arranged in a confusing or illogical sequence. | Narrative techniques, such as development of character experience and response, are not present. | Narrative does not use appropriate transition words and phrases. | Narrative is hard to follow because of frequent errors. |
| 0 | Possible characteristics that would warrant a 0:<br>• no response is given<br>• student does not demonstrate adequate command of narrative writing traits<br>• response is unintelligible, illegible, or off topic | | | | |