

Narrative Writing Rubric

Score	Focus	Organization	Development	Language and Vocabulary	Conventions
4	Narrative features elements of science fiction genre and is clearly focused throughout.	Event sequence unfolds naturally and leads to a clear conclusion.	Narrative includes techniques, such as dialogue, description, and pacing, to develop experiences and events and show the responses of characters to situations.	Sequence of events is managed with a variety of transitions; experiences and events are conveyed with precise language.	Narrative has correct grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.
3	Elements of science fiction are present, and story is mostly focused throughout.	Event sequence is established, and conclusion is included.	Narrative includes adequate use of dialogue, description, and pacing.	Adequate transitions are used to manage sequence of events; concrete words and phrases and sensory details are used.	Command of conventions is sufficiently demonstrated.
2	Elements of science fiction are included; story may occasionally lose focus.	Event sequence is difficult to follow, and conclusion does not proceed logically from events.	Narrative includes only a few uses of dialogue and descriptive details; pacing is unclear or poor.	Language in narrative is not precise or sensory; lacks effective transitions.	Narrative includes some errors in conventions.
1	Story may be confusing, unfocused, or too short.	Narrative has little or no apparent plot.	Narrative includes few or no details, dialogue, or description.	Language in narrative is vague, unclear, or confusing.	Story is difficult to comprehend because of frequent errors in usage.
0	Possible characteristics that would warrant a 0: - no response is given - student does not demonstrate adequate command of narrative writing traits - response is unintelligible, illegible, or off topic				