

Narrative Writing Rubric

Score	Focus	Organization	Development	Language and Vocabulary	Conventions
4	Tall tale is clearly established, and narrator and/or characters are fully introduced.	Sequence of events unfolds naturally; transitional words and phrases are used; the conclusion makes sense based on the events of the tall tale.	Narrative uses dialogue, description, and sensory details to fully develop the characters and events.	Ideas are clearly conveyed, using precise language and/or domain-specific vocabulary and linking words.	Narrative contains correct grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and spelling.
3	Tall tale is established, and narrator and/or characters are introduced.	Sequence of events unfolds adequately; some transitional words and phrases are used; the conclusion mostly makes sense based on the events of the tall tale.	Narrative uses some dialogue, description, and sensory details; character and events could be developed more thoroughly.	Ideas are adequately conveyed, using both precise and general language; may include domain-specific vocabulary and linking words.	Narrative contains a few errors but is completely understandable.
2	Tall tale is somewhat established, but narrator and/or characters need more introduction.	Events seem to occur separately; transitional words and phrases are not included; ending does not make sense with tall tale.	Narrative contains little, if any, dialogue; description and sensory details are vague; characters and events are not clearly developed.	Ideas are unevenly conveyed, using overly-simplistic language; lacks linking words.	Narrative contains some errors in usage, grammar, punctuation, and/or spelling.
1	Establishment of the tall tale is weak; narrators and/or characters appear without introduction.	Sequence of events is hard to follow; ending seems lost.	No use of dialogue; characters are "flat," and there is no clear conclusion to the tall tale.	Ideas are conveyed in a vague, unclear, or confusing manner. Ideas are not linked.	Narrative is difficult to follow because of frequent errors.
0	Possible characteristics that would warrant a 0: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no response is given response is unintelligible, illegible, or off topic 				