



Narrative Writing Rubric

Grade 4

	1 Beginning	2 Approaching	3 Developing	4 Proficient	5 Advanced
Setting, POV, Characters Weight: 4x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This narrative does not yet establish the setting, narrator, or characters/people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This narrative clearly establishes a setting, a narrator, or characters/people, but readers would benefit from additional details about one or more of these aspects of the story. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3 but has not fully met the criteria for level 5. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The narrative provides a vivid, well-developed setting and introduces a narrator and/or characters/people.
Narrative Techniques Weight: 5x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This piece of writing does not yet include narrative techniques such as dialogue and description. This narrative does not yet include concrete descriptive details and sensory language to develop the experiences and events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This piece of writing includes some narrative techniques such as dialogue and description, but readers would benefit from more fully developed descriptions of the experiences, events, and/or characters/people as well as their responses. This narrative conveys some experiences and events precisely through concrete sensory images (sight, sound, taste, smell, and touch), but readers would benefit from additional details and/or development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3 but has not fully met the criteria for level 5. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The narrative includes engaging dialogue and vivid descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to show the characters' responses to situations. This narrative conveys experiences and events precisely through concrete sensory images (sight, sound, taste, smell, and touch).
Theme / Message Weight: 4x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A purpose, theme, or message of the narrative is not yet clear to readers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Readers would benefit from additional development that would make the purpose, theme, or message clear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3 but has not fully met the criteria for level 5. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A clear purpose, theme, or message is shared and developed throughout the story.
Coherence (Organization) Weight: 5x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The narrative does not yet have a clear sequence of connected experiences or events. This narrative does not yet have a sense of a beginning, middle, or end. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The narrative presents a sequence of events and some transitional words, but readers would benefit from additional details or words to clarify the order of events. This narrative has some parts of a beginning, middle, and end, but some of the elements would benefit from more development and a sense of closure in the conclusion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3 but has not fully met the criteria for level 5. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The narrative guides readers using a clear and connected sequence of events and a variety of transitional words to clarify the order of events (e.g. first, second, then, later, etc.). This narrative has a clear beginning, middle, and end with an effective sense of closure that brings the events of the story to a logical end.
Audience Appeal Weight: 2x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The narrative does not yet demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Many significant errors in conventions show the need for additional support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The narrative demonstrates a partial command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Errors in conventions affect the overall meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3 but has not fully met the criteria for level 5. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This narrative demonstrates a skillful command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. It contains few or no errors in conventions.