



Narrative Writing Rubric

Grade 6

	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 context, 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 context, a narrator, or characters/people, but readers would benefit from additional details to be fully engaged in 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 an engaging, vivid, and well-developed context and skillfully 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, pacing, and description. The narrative does not yet use precise, descriptive, or sensory details to convey 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, pacing, and description, but readers would benefit from additional details to develop the experiences, events, and/or characters. Some precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language are used, but readers would benefit from additional precise, descriptive, or sensory language. 	<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 piece of writing includes a variety of narrative techniques such as engaging dialogue, strategic pacing, and vivid descriptions that develop experiences, events, and/or characters. This narrative uses precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events vividly and thoroughly.
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 to create a more logical or more natural sequence or to clarify the shifts in time and place. 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 through a logical and naturally connected sequence of events using a variety of transitional words to clarify the order of events and the shifts in setting. This narrative has an engaging beginning, middle, and end with an effective sense of closure that follows from the story's events.
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.