Narrative Writing Rubric

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Focus/ Narrative	 Responds skillfully to all parts of the prompt Establishes a situation in a well-elaborated recount of an event or short series of events 	 Responds to all parts of the prompt Recounts a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events 	 Responds to most parts of the prompt Attempts to recount an event or a short series of events. Missing information creates confusion 	 Responds to some or no parts of the prompt Fails to recount an event or a short series of events
Organization/ plot	 Neat penmanship Uses transition words and phrases to signal event order Includes vivid details that describe actions, thoughts, and feelings Provides clear closure 	 Legible penmanship Uses transition words to signal event order Includes details that describe actions, thoughts, and feelings Provides a sense of closure 	 Unclear penmanship (letters, words unclear) Limited use of transition words to signal event order Includes few or irrelevant details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings Attempts to provide closure 	 Does not write legibly No use of transition words or only uses transition words without events Insufficient or no details Does not provide closure
Conventions	 Capitalizes correctly and consistently with no errors; first word in a sentence, "I", proper nouns and titles Uses commas, apostrophes and end punctuations all of the time Applies above grade level spelling rules and patterns correctly, including irregular and HFVVs; no errors 	 Capitalizes correctly and consistently with minor errors; first word in a sentence, "I", proper nouns and titles Uses commas, apostrophes and end punctuations most of the time Applies grade level spelling rules and patterns correctly; few to no errors 	 Capitalizes correctly and consistently with errors; first word in a sentence, "I", proper nouns and titles Uses commas, apostrophes and end punctuations some of the time Applies some grade level spelling rules and patterns correctly; some errors and phonetic spelling interfere with readability 	 Capitalizes incorrectly with many errors; first word in a sentence, "I", proper nouns and titles Uses commas, apostrophes and end punctuations incorrectly or not at all Misapplies grade level spelling through phonetic spelling; excessive errors interfere with readability
Language/ Vocabulary	 Uses a variety of adjectives and adverbs strategically Uses a variety of pronouns correctly Uses verb tenses and plural nouns correctly, including irregular forms Produces correct simple and complex sentences Uses above grade level vocabulary words 	 Uses adjectives and adverbs appropriately Uses pronouns correctly Uses verb tenses and plural nouns correctly, including some irregular forms (is/was, child/children) Produces correct simple sentences Uses grade level vocabulary words 	 Uses some simple adjectives and adverbs appropriately Uses pronouns correctly some of the time Uses some regular verb tenses and common plural nouns correctly Produces mostly correct and complete sentences Uses basic language 	 Uses adjectives and adverbs inappropriately or not at all Uses pronouns incorrectly Uses verb tenses and plural nouns incorrectly Produces mostly incorrect sentences Uses words incorrectly

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