

CCSS Narrative Writing Rubric

Score	Narrative Focus	Organization	Elaboration of Narrative	Language and Vocabulary	Conventions
4 S T R O N G	<i>Narrative is clearly focused and maintained throughout</i>	<i>Narrative has an effective plot helping create unity and completeness</i>	<i>Narrative provides thorough and effective elaboration using details, dialogue, and description</i>	<i>The narrative clearly and effectively expresses experiences or events</i>	<i>Few, if any, errors are present in usage and sentence formation</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effectively established setting, narrator and/or characters, and point of view 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective & consistent use of a variety of transitional strategies Logical sequence of events from beginning to end Effective opening and closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective use of a variety of narrative techniques that advance the story or illustrate the experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective use of sensory, concrete, and figurative language clearly advances the purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective and consistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
3 A D E Q U A T E	<i>Narrative is adequately focused and generally maintained throughout</i>	<i>Narrative has an evident plot helping create a sense of unity and completeness (minor flaws and some loosely connected ideas)</i>	<i>Response provides adequate elaboration using details, dialogue, and description</i>	<i>The narrative adequately expresses experiences or events</i>	<i>Some errors in usage and sentence formation may be present, but no systematic pattern of errors displayed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequately establishes a setting, narrator, and/or characters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate use of a variety of transitional strategies Adequate sequence of events from beginning to end Adequate opening and closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate use of a variety of narrative techniques that generally advance the story or illustrate the experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate use of sensory, concrete, and figurative language generally advances the purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
2 F L A W E D	<i>Narrative is somewhat maintained and may have a minor drift in focus</i>	<i>Narrative has an inconsistent plot and flaws are evident</i>	<i>The narrative provides uneven, cursory elaboration using partial and uneven details, dialogue, and description</i>	<i>The narrative unevenly expresses experiences or events</i>	<i>Frequent errors in usage may obscure meaning</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistently establishes a setting, narrator, and/or characters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistent use of basic transitional strategies with little variety Uneven sequence of events from beginning to end Opening and closure, if present, are weak. Weak connection among ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative techniques, if present, are uneven and inconsistent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial or weak use of sensory, concrete, and figurative language that may not advance the purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
1 A B S E N T	<i>Narrative may be maintained but may provide little or no focus</i>	<i>Narrative has little or no discernible plot</i>	<i>The narrative provides minimal elaboration using little or no details, dialogue, and description</i>	<i>The narrative expression of ideas is vague, lacks clarity, or is confusing</i>	<i>Errors are frequent and severe and meaning is often obscure</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very brief Major drift Focus confusing or ambiguous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few or no transitional strategies are evident Frequent extraneous ideas may intrude 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of narrative techniques is minimal, absent, in error, or irrelevant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses limited language May have little sense of purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates a lack of command of conventions