12.1 Narrative Writing Rubric

/ (Total points)

Coherence, Organization, and Style

Criteria

The extent to which the response engages and orients the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; and creates a smooth progression of experiences or events.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.3

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.3.a

Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.

The extent to which the response uses narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.3.b

4 – Responses at this Level:

Skillfully engage and orient the reader by thoroughly and clearly setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; skillfully create a smooth progression of experiences or events. (W.11-12.3.a)

Skillfully use narrative techniques such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, thoroughly developing experiences, events, and/or characters. (W.11-12.3.b)

Skillfully use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and clearly build toward a particular tone and outcome. (W.11-12.3.c)

Skillfully use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language, conveying a complete and vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters. (W.11-12.3.d)

Provide a conclusion that clearly follows from and skillfully reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative. (W.11-12.3.e)

Skillfully adapt voice, awareness of

3 – Responses at this Level:

Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events. (W.11-12.3.a)

Use narrative techniques such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, developing experiences, events, and/or characters. (W.11-12.3.b)

Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome. (W.11-12.3.c)

Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language, conveying a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters. (W.11-12.3.d)

Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative. (W.11-12.3.e)

Adapt voice, awareness of audience, and use of language to accommodate a variety of cultural contexts. (W.11-12.3.f)

2 – Responses at this Level:

Somewhat effectively engage or orient the reader by partially setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an unclear progression of experiences or events. (W.11-12.3.a)

Somewhat effectively use narrative techniques such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, partially developing experiences, events, and/or characters. (W.11-12.3.b)

Somewhat effectively use techniques, or use unvaried techniques to sequence events so that they insufficiently build on one another to create a loosely connected whole or a particular tone and outcome. (W.11-12.3.c)

Somewhat effectively use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language, conveying a clear picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters. (W.11-12.3.d)

Provide a conclusion that loosely follows from and partially reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the text. (W.11-12.3.e)

1 – Responses at this Level:

Ineffectively engage or orient the reader by insufficiently setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a disorganized collection of experiences or events. (W.11-12.3.a)

Ineffectively or rarely use narrative techniques such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, insufficiently developing experiences, events, and/or characters. (W.11-12.3.b)

Ineffectively use techniques, creating a disorganized collection of events that fail to build on one another to create a coherent whole or a particular tone and outcome. (W.11-12.3.c)

Ineffectively use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language, conveying an unclear picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters. (W.11-12.3.d)

Provide a conclusion that does not follow from or reflect on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the text. (W.11-12.3.e)

Ineffectively adapt voice, awareness





Criteria	4 – Responses at this Level:	3 – Responses at this Level:	2 – Responses at this Level:	1 – Responses at this Level:
Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	audience, and use of language to thoughtfully accommodate a variety of cultural contexts. (W.11-12.3.f)		Somewhat effectively adapt voice, awareness of audience, and use of language to accommodate a variety of cultural contexts. (W.11-12.3.f)	of audience, and use of language, rarely accommodating a variety of cultural contexts. (W.11-12.3.f)
The extent to which the response uses a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome.				
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.3.c				
Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, or resolution).				
The extent to which the response uses precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.				
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.3.d				
Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.				
The extent to which the response provides a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved				





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over the course of the narrative.				
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.3.e				
Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.				
The extent to which the response adapts voice, awareness of audience, and use of language to accommodate a variety of cultural contexts.				
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.3.f				
Adapt voice, awareness of audience, and use of language to accommodate a variety of cultural contexts.				
Coherence, Organization, and Style The extent to which the response develops and strengthens writing during the writing process, addressing what is most significant for the specific purpose and audience.	Thoroughly develop and strengthen writing during the writing process, skillfully addressing what is most significant for the specific purpose and audience.	Develop and strengthen writing during the writing process, addressing what is most significant for the specific purpose and audience.	Partially develop and strengthen writing during the writing process, somewhat effectively addressing what is most significant for the specific purpose and audience.	Insufficiently develop and strengthen writing during the writing process, ineffectively addressing what is most significant for the specific purpose and audience.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.5				
Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.				

- A response that is a personal response and makes little or no reference to the task or text can be scored no higher than a 1.
- A response that is totally copied from the text with no original writing must be given a 0.
- A response that is totally unrelated to the task, illegible, incoherent, blank, or unrecognizable as English must be scored as a 0.





12.1 Narrative Writing Checklist

Assessed Standards:	

	Does my response	V
Coherence, Organization, and Style	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance? (W.11-12.3.a)	
	Establish one or multiple point(s) of view? (W.11-12.3.a)	
	Introduce a narrator and/or characters? (W.11-12.3.a)	
	Create a smooth progression of experiences or events? (W.11-12.3.a)	
	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters? (W.11-12.3.b)	
	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome? (W.11-12.3.c)	
	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters? (W.11-12.3.d)	
	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative? (W.11-12.3.e)	
	Adapt voice, awareness of audience, and use of language to accommodate a variety of cultural contexts? (W.11-12.3.f)	
	Develop and strengthen writing during the writing process, addressing what is most significant for the specific purpose and audience? (W.11-12.5)	