



# Narrative Writing Rubric

Grade 7

	1 Beginning	2 Approaching	3 Developing	4 Proficient	5 Advanced
<b>Setting, POV, Characters</b> Weight: 4x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This narrative does not yet establish the context, point of view, narrator, or characters/people.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This narrative establishes a context, point of view, narrator, and characters/people, but readers would benefit from additional details about one or more of these aspects of the story..</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3 but has not fully met the criteria for level 5.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This narrative clearly establishes a well-developed context and a point of view and skillfully introduces a narrator and/or characters/people.</li> </ul>
<b>Narrative Techniques</b> Weight: 5x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This piece of writing does not yet include narrative techniques such as dialogue, pacing, and description.</li> <li>The narrative does not yet use precise, descriptive, or sensory details to convey experiences and events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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/people.</li> <li>Some precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language are used, but readers would benefit from additional precise, descriptive, or sensory language.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3 but has not fully met the criteria for level 5.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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/people.</li> <li>This narrative uses precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events vividly and thoroughly.</li> </ul>
<b>Theme/ Message</b> Weight: 4x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A purpose, theme, or message of the narrative is not yet clear to readers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Readers would benefit from additional development that would make the purpose, theme, or message clear.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3 but has not fully met the criteria for level 5.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A clear purpose, theme, or message is shared and developed throughout the story.</li> </ul>
<b>Coherence (Organization)</b> Weight: 5x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The narrative does not yet have a clear sequence of connected experiences or events.</li> <li>This narrative does not yet have a sense of a beginning, middle, or end.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3 but has not fully met the criteria for level 5.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>This narrative has an engaging beginning, middle, and end with an effective sense of closure that follows from the story's events.</li> </ul>
<b>Audience Appeal</b> Weight: 2x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 1 but has not fully met the criteria for level 3.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece of writing exceeds the achievement described in level 3 but has not fully met the criteria for level 5.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>