

Narrative Writing purpose: Create a story using real or imagined events. Include characters, setting, conflict, and resolution.

Focus: You must focus your story around the prompt. Never lose sight of what you are supposed to be writing about.

Organization: Make sure that you tell your story in an organized way. Use paragraphing and transition words so that your reader can easily follow your story.

Narrative Techniques: Include dialogue, descriptive details, and sensory language to bring your story to life.

Language: Proofread for spelling, punctuation, and capitalization mistakes. Look for run-ons and sentence fragments. Try to include varied sentence structure.

Include strong, grade appropriate vocabulary words.

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Focus	Creative way of addressing the prompt Expertly engages the reader with characters, point of view, and conflict	All aspects of the prompt are covered Strong use of point of view and character	Prompt is addressed, but not in depth Use of point of view and characters is purposeful	Some attention is focused around the prompt Point of view and characters are attempted but not successful	Barely focused around the prompt No point of view or characters
Organization	Smooth series of events Skillful use of transition words Conclusion clearly reflects the theme of the story	Clear and logical sequence of events Variety of transitional words help signal shifts in time and setting Conclusion attempts to reflect on the theme of the story	Natural progression of events Transition words aid in moving the story along Conclusion connects to the story	Attempted to organize events Use of transition words is repetitive Weak conclusion	Illogical and confusing series of events No transition words used Missing a conclusion
Narrative Techniques	Skillfully uses a variety of techniques to develop the characters and events Sophisticated use of descriptive words and sensory language	Variety of techniques are used throughout Precise words, description, and sensory language capture the action of the story	Adequate use of narrative techniques Some use of description and sensory language	Some attempt at narrative techniques Limited use of description and sensory language	No details or sensory language
Language	Purposeful use of varied sentence structure Little to no errors Strong and sophisticated word choice	Correct and varied sentence structure Few minor mistakes Strong, grade appropriate word choice	Use of some varied sentence structures Some errors found throughout the story	Basic word choice, numerous errors cause some confusion	Grammar and vocabulary choices affect the ability to understand your story

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