## **Narrative Writing Rubric**

W.8.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

L.8.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

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<ul> <li>Development</li> <li>o has an engaging introduction that orients readers</li> <li>o maintains a clear and consistent point of view</li> <li>o develops events with strong dialogue and vivid description</li> <li>o provides a strong conclusion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Development</li> <li>o has an effective introduction</li> <li>o maintains a consistent point of view</li> <li>o develops events with dialogue or descriptive detail</li> <li>o provides a conclusion that sums up the narrative</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Development</li> <li>O introduction is present, but fails to hook the reader and introduce situation</li> <li>O lacks clear point of view</li> <li>O events are present in narrative but these events lack description</li> <li>O has a conclusion, but does not clearly relate to narrative or does not sum up meaning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Development</li> <li>o has no introduction</li> <li>o has no clear point of view</li> <li>o lacks descriptive details and/or dialogue</li> <li>o ends abruptly with no conclusion.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Organization</li> <li>O establishes a natural and logical sequence of events</li> <li>O uses effective pacing and transitions to convey sequence</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Organization</li> <li>o follows a logical sequence of events</li> <li>o uses effective pacing and transitions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Organization</li> <li>O includes distracting and out-of-place events</li> <li>O lacks transitions and even pacing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Organization</li> <li>o has no transitions and an unclear sequence of events</li> <li>o contains no transitional words, phrases, or clauses that help move narrative forward</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Style</li> <li>o uses relevant descriptive details and vivid sensory language</li> <li>o uses active verbs, concrete nouns, and compelling adjectives</li> <li>o sentence variety contributes to fluency as well as the mood of the narrative.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Style</li> <li>o includes relevant descriptive details and some sensory language</li> <li>o uses mostly active verbs, concrete nouns, and strong descriptive adjectives</li> <li>o sentence variety is evident and contributes to easy reading</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Style</li> <li>O lacks sensory language and descriptive detail</li> <li>O verbs fall into weak linking verbs and nouns are not specific</li> <li>O sentence structure is repetitive with little change</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Style</li> <li>o has no sensory language or details</li> <li>o verbs are weak and nouns are not specific throughout whole paper</li> <li>o sentence structure is broken and may contain run-ons or fragments</li> </ul>
Language O shows no errors in conventions > capitalization > punctuation > spelling	Language O has a few errors in convention but does not distract reader ➤ capitalization ➤ punctuation ➤ spelling	<ul> <li>Language</li> <li>o has many errors in conventions – detracts from meaning</li> <li>➤ capitalization</li> <li>&gt; punctuation</li> <li>&gt; spelling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language</li> <li>o has major errors in conventions which make paper difficult to read</li> <li>&gt; capitalization</li> <li>&gt; punctuation</li> <li>&gt; spelling</li> </ul>