

## 6-Point Rubric for Narrative Writing

### Using a Rubric

This rubric can help you rate your writing.

### Ideas

- 6 Rich ideas and details make an unforgettable essay!
- 5 The experience and the details are interesting.
- 4 The experience is interesting, but it needs more details.
- 3 The experience isn't clear, and some details don't belong.
- 2 The narrative should focus on one experience.
- 1 A new experience or suitable details should be found.

### Organization

- 6 The narrative is arranged wonderfully!
- 5 The writing is well organized from beginning to end.
- 4 Most of the narrative works well.
- 3 Parts (beginning, middle, or ending) should be stronger.
- 2 All parts of the essay run together.
- 1 The narrative needs to be organized.

### Voice

- 6 The voice is original and exciting!
- 5 The voice sounds exactly like the writer.
- 4 The voice sounds like the writer most of the time.
- 3 Sometimes the voice sounds like the writer.
- 2 The writing does not sound like the writer.
- 1 The writing has no real voice.

### Word Choice

- 6 The word choice makes a vivid picture!
- 5 Strong nouns and verbs make clear pictures.
- 4 Some strong nouns and verbs are used.
- 3 Many strong words are needed.
- 2 Some words are overused.
- 1 Some words make the essay confusing.

### Sentence Fluency

- 6 The sentences are a joy to read!
- 5 The sentences are clear and varied.
- 4 Most sentences are clear.

- 3 Many sentences are choppy.
- 2 Many sentences are choppy or incomplete.
- 1 Many sentences are incomplete.

**Conventions**

- 6 Conventions are correct.
- 5 Most conventions are correct.
- 4 Some errors appear.
- 3 Errors may confuse the reader.
- 2 Errors make the writing hard to read.
- 1 Help is needed to make corrections.