

GRADE 5 – NARRATIVE WRITING STUDENT RUBRIC

✓ = GREAT JOB

✓ = ALMOST THERE

— = ROOM TO GROW

See how you grow				Ask yourself: <i>Did I...?</i>
Focus on Task and Text	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> complete all parts of the prompt, and respond to each part completely?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> choose words and sentences that create a tone to fit the writing task and my readers?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> show that I understand the text or topic by telling about relevant events, themes, or main ideas in a detailed way?
Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> begin by introducing a narrator and/or characters and a setting?
				organize events
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> in a clear, natural sequence?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> to share the problem and how it was solved?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use at least two story-telling techniques to make experiences, events, and characters believable? (Examples: dialogue; descriptions of actions)?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use different transition words, phrases, and clauses to connect events in time and sequence?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> end my story in a way that connects to the experiences and events in it, such as by concluding the main problem?

See how you grow				Ask yourself: <i>Did I...?</i>
Development and Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> add exciting and interesting details by using specific, detailed language that shows exactly what is happening?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> include relevant evidence and details to make my story accurate and believable? (Using a text if the prompt is text-based or print and digital sources if the prompt asks for additional research.)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> create a setting that helps readers clearly imagine where and when the story happens?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> generally hint at an exciting or unexpected event that might happen later?
Language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use precise language? (Example: Avoid overly general words like <i>nice, fun, pretty</i> .)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use domain-specific language? (Example: Words particular to a topic or setting, such as <i>harbor</i> when describing a city where boats or ships can dock.)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use language that fits my audience and writing purpose? (Example: to tell a story to a young child)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> choose words and sentences that clearly explain my ideas?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> include different kinds of sentences to keep my writing interesting?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> include simple, compound, and complex sentences?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> avoid sentence fragments and run-on sentences?

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Conventions	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use the rules I know about writing?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> check my writing so that it has no errors?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use verbs correctly, especially verbs that include <i>have</i> or <i>had</i> ?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use the correct verb tense to explain when actions happened, especially if moving back and forth in time?
				follow writing rules to correctly
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use commas to separate items in a series?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use a comma to separate an opening from the rest of the sentence?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use a comma to separate the words <i>yes</i> or <i>no</i> ?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use a comma to separate a tag question? (Example: <i>It's true, isn't it?</i>)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use a comma to show that sentences address a person directly? (Example: <i>Is that you, Steve?</i>)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use underlining, quotation marks, or italics to correctly show that words are a title?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use the rules I know to spell words correctly?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use a dictionary to check my spelling if I'm not sure?