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Grade 5

Six Traits Rubric for Narrative Writing

Ideas

- 6 The narrator tells about an experience using specific details. The writing keeps the reader's interest at all times.
- 5 The writer tells about an experience using many details. The writing keeps the reader's interest most of the time.
- 4 The writer tells about an experience but more details are needed.
- 3 The writer needs to develop the experience. Some details do not relate to the story.
- 2 The writer needs to focus on the experience. Details are needed.
- 1 The writer needs to tell about an experience and use details.

Word Choice

- 6 The writer's exceptional word choice captures the experience. Figurative language used well.
- 5 Strong nouns, verbs, and well chosen adverbs and adjectives create vivid, clear pictures. Figurative language is used.
- 4 Adverbs/adjectives are used. Strong nouns / active verbs would improve sensory images. Figurative language attempted. Some repetition; try synonyms.
- 3 Strong nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs are needed to create sensory images. No figurative language. Much repetition.
- **2** General and overused words do not create sensory images.
- 1 The writer has not considered word choice.

Organization

- 6 The organization makes the essay easy to read.
- 5 The beginning, middle, and ending work well. Transitions are used.
- The essay's beginning, middle, and an ending use some transitions.
- 3 The middle needs transitions and a paragraph for each main point.
- The beginning, middle and ending all run together. Paragraphs are needed.
- 1 The lack of organization is confusing.

Sentence Fluency

- 4 The sentences are skillfully written with few or no errors.
- There are some sentence errors. More sentence variety is needed.
- **2** The response has many sentence problems. Sentence variety is needed.
- 1 Sentence construction confuses the reader.

Voice

- 6 The writer's voice sounds confident, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic.
- 5 The writer's voice sounds informative and confident. It fits the audience.
- 4 The writer's voice sounds well-informed most of the time and fits the audience.
- 3 The writer sometimes sounds unsure, and the voice needs to fit the audience better.
- 2 The writer sounds unsure. The voice needs to fit the audience.
- The writer needs to be aware of the audience.

Conventions

- The response has few or minor errors. Paper shows evidence of proofreading.
- The response has some errors in punctuation, spelling or grammar. Proofreading is recommended.
- 2 The response has errors that may confuse the reader.
- 1 The number of errors confuses the reader and makes the essay hard to read.

Scoring Guide:

32: 100% 31: 98	26: 88% 25: 86	21: 78% 20: 76	16: 68% 15: 66	11 or below: Failing
30: 96	24: 84	19: 74	14: 64	
29: 94	23: 82	18: 72	13: 62	
28: 92	22: 80	17: 70	12: 60	
27: 90				