

NARRATIVE WRITING RUBRIC



California Common Core Standards Based - GRADE 2

Level	NARRATIVE WRITING	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS	WITH GUIDANCE and SUPPORT FROM ADULTS
4 Exceeds	 □ Meets all expectations in level 3 □ Writes several well-developed details to describe actions, thoughts and feelings □ Event sequence unfolds naturally □ Uses dialogue in story 	Mostly correct use of language conventions, and some above grade level skills used, for example: ☐ Meets all expectations in level 3 ☐ Uses commas and quotation marks in dialogue. ☐ Spells grade level appropriate words correctly ☐ Chooses words and phrases for effect.	Guidance & Support Level of guidance and
3 Meets	NARRATIVE WRITING (W3) Narrative recounts a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events Includes details to describe actions, thoughts, or feelings Uses temporal words to signal event order Provides a sense of closure WRITING PROCESS (W5-W8) WGASFA* Adds details and edits to strengthen writing as needed (W5) WGASFA* Uses a variety of digital tools to write and publish writing (W6) Recalls information from experiences or gathers information from provided sources to answer a question (W8)	Adequate use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example: □ Produces, expands, and rearranges complete simple and compound sentences (L1f) □ Creates readable documents with legible print (L1g) □ Capitalizes holidays, product names, and geographic names (L2a) □ Uses commas in greetings and closings of letters (L2b) □ Uses an apostrophe to form contractions and frequently occurring possessives (L2c) □ Consults reference materials as needed to check and correct spellings (L2e) □ Spells grade level appropriate words correctly most of the time, uses grade level appropriate phonetic spelling to write unfamiliar words □ Uses knowledge of language and its conventions when writing (L3)	support from adults before writing: Check off what was done before the student wrote the piece being scored. Discussion Read aloud or shared reading Drawing Vocabulary word bank Shared or
2 Almost Meets	 □ Writes about an event but does not elaborate □ Provides some details about actions but does not include thoughts or feelings about events □ Uses some temporal words, but sequence may be confusing □ Provides a sense of closure but may not be well related □ WGASFA* adds few details and does little editing to strengthen writing 	Limited use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example: □ Writes simple sentences, and some incomplete sentences □ Capitalizes first letter, and I, but not proper names □ Uses some punctuation correctly □ Spells some grade level appropriate words, and uses some phonetic spellings	interactive writing Graphic organizer Language frames
1 Does Not Meet	 □ Story has only one event and may be incomplete □ Provides very few details or descriptions □ Event order is confusing or missing steps □ Sense of closure is missing or unrelated 	Infrequent use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example: ☐ Makes few attempts at correct spelling ☐ Has many errors in capitalization ☐ Writes few complete sentences or only simple patterned sentences ☐ Makes few attempts at correct punctuation	

WGASFA: "with guidance and support from adults"

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