



NARRATIVE WRITING RUBRIC

California Common Core Standards Based – GRADE 4



Level	NARRATIVE WRITING	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS	WITH GUIDANCE and SUPPORT FROM ADULTS
4 Exceeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meets all expectations set forth in 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Uses narrative techniques, such as dialogue, description, and pacing, to develop experiences and events <input type="checkbox"/> Effective use of concrete, sensory, and figurative language 	<p>Mostly correct use of language conventions, and some above grade level skills used, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meets all expectations set forth in 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Uses underlining, quotation marks, or italics for titles of works <input type="checkbox"/> Recognizes and corrects inappropriate shifts in verb tense. 	<p>Guidance & Support</p>
3 Meets	<p>NARRATIVE WRITING (W3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Orients the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters (W3a) <input type="checkbox"/> Organizes event sequence that unfolds naturally (W3a) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations (W3b) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage sequence of events (W3c) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely (W3d) <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events (W3e) <hr/> <p>WRITING PROCESS (W4-W8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses clear and coherent writing in multi-paragraph texts that is appropriate to task, purpose, and audience (W4) <input type="checkbox"/> WGASFA* Develops/strengthens writing by planning, revising, editing (W5) <input type="checkbox"/> WGASFA* Uses a variety of digital tools to write and publish writing (W6) <input type="checkbox"/> WGASFA* Can keyboard/ type a minimum of one page in a single sitting (W6) <input type="checkbox"/> Takes notes, paraphrases, and categorizes information, and provides a list of sources (W8) <input type="checkbox"/> Draws evidence from text (W9) 	<p>Adequate use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Produces complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons (L1f) <input type="checkbox"/> Correctly uses frequently confused words (e.g., <i>to, too, two; there, their</i>) (L1g) <input type="checkbox"/> Writes fluidly and legibly in cursive or joined italics. (L1h) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses correct capitalization (L2a) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text (L2b) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence. (L2c) <input type="checkbox"/> Spells grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed. (L2d) <input type="checkbox"/> Chooses words and phrases to convey ideas precisely (L3) <input type="checkbox"/> Chooses punctuation for effect (L3) 	<p>Level of guidance and support from adults before writing:</p> <p>Check off what was done before the student wrote the piece being scored.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Read aloud or shared reading <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing <input type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary word bank <input type="checkbox"/> Shared or interactive writing <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic organizer <input type="checkbox"/> Language frames
2 Almost Meets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Unevenly maintains setting, characters, and plot <input type="checkbox"/> May not write multi-paragraphs <input type="checkbox"/> Little use of concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely (W3d) <input type="checkbox"/> Planning for writing is limited <p>Uses some linking words/phrases</p>	<p>Limited use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some punctuation correctly <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some sentence variety correctly <input type="checkbox"/> Spells most words correctly 	
1 Does Not Meet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has little or no plot, or may be just a series or list of events <input type="checkbox"/> Provides few details or descriptions <input type="checkbox"/> Uses no or few transitions <input type="checkbox"/> Does not write multiple paragraphs <input type="checkbox"/> Planning for writing is absent or disorganized 	<p>Infrequent use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Many words spelled incorrectly <input type="checkbox"/> Has many errors in capitalization <input type="checkbox"/> Writes few complete sentences or only simple sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Punctuation includes many errors or is missing 	

• **WGASFA:** “with guidance and support from adults”

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