



**NARRATIVE WRITING RUBRIC**  
California Common Core Standards Based - **KINDERGARTEN**



Level	NARRATIVE WRITING	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS	WITH GUIDANCE and SUPPORT FROM ADULTS
<b>4</b> Exceeds	<input type="checkbox"/> Meets all expectations in level 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some descriptive words <input type="checkbox"/> Writes multiple complete sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a sense of closure to story/event	<b>Mostly correct</b> use of language conventions, and some above grade level skills used, for example: <input type="checkbox"/> Meets all expectations in level 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Writes proper names with capital letters <input type="checkbox"/> Consistently spells grade level appropriate words correctly <input type="checkbox"/> Spells most kinder sight words correctly	<p align="center">Guidance &amp; Support</p> <p>Level of guidance and support from adults before writing: Check off what was done before the student wrote the piece being scored.</p> <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
<b>3</b> Meets	<p><b>NARRATIVE WRITING (W3)</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Draws, dictates, and/or writes to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events (W3) <input type="checkbox"/> Tells about the events in the order in which they occurred (W3) <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a reaction to what happened (W3)	<p><b>Adequate</b> use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Writes left to right and return sweeps (L1a) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses spaces between words most of the time (L1c) <input type="checkbox"/> Prints many upper- and lowercase letters (L1a) <input type="checkbox"/> Capitalizes the first word in a sentence and the pronoun / (L2a) <input type="checkbox"/> Recognizes and names end punctuation (L2b) <input type="checkbox"/> Writes a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (L2c) <input type="checkbox"/> Spells simple words phonetically (L2d) <input type="checkbox"/> Spells some kinder sight words correctly	
<b>2</b> Almost Meets	<p><b>WRITING PROCESS (W5-W8)</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>WGASFA*</b> Adds details to strengthen writing (W5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>WGASFA*</b> Explores digital tools to write (W6) <input type="checkbox"/> Participates in shared research projects (W7) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>WGASFA*</b> Recalls information from experiences or gathers information from provided sources (W8)	<p><b>Limited</b> use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to write from left to right and return sweeps <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to space words correctly <input type="checkbox"/> Writes uppercase letters are random or within words <input type="checkbox"/> Uses only uppercase letters in writing <input type="checkbox"/> Uses no or few end punctuation marks <input type="checkbox"/> Spells some words phonetically	
<b>1</b> Does Not Meet	<input type="checkbox"/> Makes few or no attempts to write about event <input type="checkbox"/> May label drawing or list objects or ideas <input type="checkbox"/> Dictates ideas for narrative, but unable to write without copying	<p><b>Infrequent</b> use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses random letters to represent print <input type="checkbox"/> Makes no attempts at correct spelling <input type="checkbox"/> Writes no complete sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Writes in all directions or may just label drawing	

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

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