

Narrative essay assessment rubric/score sheet

Due date: _____

This rubric is adapted from page 149 of the *Writer’s Inc.* reference text. Narrative essays must be typed, double spaced using 12 point font. Headings must be left justified and include name, class period, assignment and date, and be single spaced. Titles must be centered, and triple spaced between text body. Page numbers are in the upper right hand corner, but not on first page. Attach rubric to back of paper.

Area 1

Ideas and Content:

- _____ focuses on a specific experience or time in the writer’s life.
- _____ presents and appealing picture of the action and the people
- _____ uses dialogue and sensory details
- _____ makes the reader want to know what happens next

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Area 2

Organization:

- _____ has a beginning, a middle, and an end
- _____ pulls reader into the text with beginnings techniques
- _____ gives events in an order that is easy to follow
- _____ uses transition words and phrases to connect ideas

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Area 3

Voice

- _____ creates a tone and a mood that fits the topic
- _____ shows the writer’s personality

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Area 4

Word Choice

- _____ contains specific nouns, vivid verbs, and colorful modifiers
- _____ uses sensory details and figurative comparisons

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Area 5

Sentence Fluency

- _____ flows smoothly from one idea to the next
- _____ uses a variety of sentence lengths and structures

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Area 6

Conventions

- _____ applies basic rules of grammar, usage, and mechanics
- _____ presents paper according to format listed in directions

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