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Narrative Writing Checklist

	Grade 2	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!	Grade 3	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
	Structure				Structure			
Overall	I wrote about <i>one time</i> when I did something.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I told the story bit by bit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lead	I thought about how to write a good beginning and chose a way to start my story. I chose the action, talk, or setting that would make a good beginning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I wrote a beginning in which I helped readers know who the characters were and what the setting was in my story.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transitions	I told the story in order by using words such as <i>when, then, and after</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I told my story in order by using phrases such as <i>a little later</i> and <i>after that</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ending	I chose the action, talk, or feeling that would make a good ending.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I chose the action, talk, or feeling that would make a good ending and worked to write it well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organization	I wrote a lot of lines on a page and wrote across a lot of pages.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I used paragraphs and skipped lines to separate what happened first from what happened later (and finally) in my story.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development				Development			
Elaboration	I tried to bring my characters to life with details, talk, and actions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I worked to show what happened to (and in) my characters.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Craft	I chose strong words that would help readers picture my story.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I not only told my story, but also wrote it in ways that got readers to picture what was happening and that brought my story to life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Narrative Writing Checklist (continued)

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	Language Conventions				Language Conventions			
Spelling	To spell a word, I used what I knew about spelling patterns (<i>tion, er, ly, etc.</i>).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I used what I knew about spelling patterns to help me spell and edit before I wrote my final draft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I spelled all of the word wall words correctly and used the word wall to help me figure out how to spell other words.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I got help from others to check my spelling and punctuation before I wrote my final draft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Punctuation	I used quotation marks to show what characters said.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I punctuated dialogue correctly with commas and quotation marks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	When I used words such as <i>can't</i> and <i>don't</i> , I used the apostrophe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	While writing, I used punctuation at the end of every sentence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					I wrote in ways that helped readers read with expression, reading some parts quickly, some slowly, some parts in one sort of voice and others in another.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>