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Narrative Writing Checklist

	Grade 3	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
	Structure			
Overall	I told the story bit by bit.	☐	☐	☐
Lead	I wrote a beginning in which I helped readers know who the characters were and what the setting was in my story.	☐	☐	☐
Transitions	I told my story in order by using phrases such as *a little later* and *after that*.	☐	☐	☐
Ending	I chose the action, talk, or feeling that would make a good ending and worked to write it well.	☐	☐	☐
Organization	I used paragraphs and skipped lines to separate what happened first from what happened later (and finally) in my story.	☐	☐	☐
	Development			
Elaboration	I worked to show what happened to (and in) my characters.	☐	☐	☐
Craft	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.	☐	☐	☐
	Language Conventions			
Spelling	I used what I knew about spelling patterns to help me spell and edit before I wrote my final draft.	☐	☐	☐
	I got help from others to check my spelling and punctuation before I wrote my final draft.	☐	☐	☐
Punctuation	I punctuated dialogue correctly with commas and quotation marks.	☐	☐	☐
	While writing, I used punctuation at the end of every sentence.	☐	☐	☐
	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.	☐	☐	☐