

Student's Name _____ Date _____

Personal Narrative Rubric

Use this rubric to assess student writing. Record the appropriate score in the Score column.

Criteria	Needs Improvement	Average	Good	Excellent	Score
	1	2	3	4	
1. An introductory statement identifies the topic and establishes an engaging point of view.	Needs an introductory statement, or introduction fails to identify the topic.	Identifies the topic but needs a point of view.	Identifies a topic and establishes a point of view.	Identifies a compelling topic and establishes a clear, engaging point of view.	
2. Relates events in time order .	Details are out of order, so the narrative is difficult to follow.	Some details are out of order and disrupt the flow of the narrative.	Most details are arranged in time order.	Details are arranged logically, and the narrative flows smoothly.	
3. Vivid sensory details bring the narrative to life.	Needs sensory details.	Includes a few sensory details.	Some sensory details bring the narrative to life.	Many vivid sensory details bring the narrative to life.	
4. Transition/linking words and phrases connect ideas and details.	Needs transition words and phrases.	Includes a few transition words and phrases.	Includes several transition words and phrases.	Uses precise and varied transition words and phrases.	
5. Uses precise adjectives .	Needs precise adjectives.	Includes one or two precise adjectives.	Includes several precise adjectives.	Includes many precise adjectives.	
6. A concluding sentence sums up the experience and its significance.	Needs a conclusion, or does not sum up the experience.	Attempts to sum up the experience.	Sums up the experience effectively.	Sums up the experience and its significance in a meaningful way.	
7. Follows conventions of mechanics, usage, and spelling.	Errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization interfere with reader understanding.	Errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.	Few errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.	Correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.	
Overall Score					



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Personal Narrative Scoring Chart

Use the chart below to provide feedback on student writing.

Criteria	Score	Comments
1. Introductory statement		
2. Events related in time order		
3. Vivid sensory details		
4. Transition/linking words and phrases		
5. Precise adjectives		
6. Conclusion		
7. Conventions		

