

Literacy Narrative Task-Specific Rubric

Criteria	Novice	Emerging	Proficient	Excellent	Totals
Task/Purpose	13 points Poor awareness of task and/or audience	15 points Focuses on literacy experience generally; suggests but does not clearly explain significance	17 points Tells of literacy experience but may not focus on just one experience; significance is indicated but not clearly explained	20 points Tells the story of a literacy experience; indicates significance clearly; distinctive voice	
Content Development	13 points Minimal idea development; few or unrelated details; may not meet length requirement	15 points Story is general and lacks details; little if any reflection to help the reader understand the significance; may fall short of required length, but not by much	17 points Includes some relevant and vivid details; analysis and reflection may need more development; meets length requirement	20 points Vivid sensory details and dialogue develop the story; evidence of analysis & reflection on the experience; meets length requirement	
Organization	13 points Random or weak organization; thought patterns are difficult to follow	15 points Lapses in focus or coherence; some sections are not clearly related to the main purpose	17 points Logical organization that may not follow a story arc, though it presents experience in literacy	20 points Follows a story arc of presenting an issue, action rising to a climax/resolution, then reflection on the significance	
Style	13 points Errors in sentence construction and word choice interfere with communication	15 points Paragraphs may lack transitions or focus; simplistic or awkward sentence construction and language	17 points Strong paragraphing; controlled sentence structures; effective language and tone	20 points Strong paragraphing; sentence variety; precise and/or rich language	
Mechanics & Format	13 points Errors in surface features are disproportionate to length and complexity	15 points Some errors in surface features that do not interfere with communication	17 points Few errors in surface features relative to length and complexity	20 points Control of surface features – heading, spacing, format	