

# TNReady Grades 6-8 Narrative Rubric

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Score	Focus & Organization	Development	Language	Conventions
<b>4</b>	<p>In response to the task and the stimulus, the writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>effectively establishes a relevant context and point of view to engage and orient the reader and introduces a narrator and/or characters.</li> <li>utilizes effective organizational strategies to establish a sequence of events and/or experiences that unfold naturally and logically, creating a smooth progression.</li> <li>contains an effective conclusion that reflects on the narrated experiences or events.</li> </ul>	<p>In response to the task and the stimulus, the writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>effectively utilizes relevant narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection<sup>1</sup>, to thoroughly develop experiences, events, and/or characters.</li> <li>effectively incorporates relevant, well-chosen details from the stimulus.</li> <li>effectively demonstrates a clear understanding of the task and stimulus by using relevant, well-chosen, descriptive details in order to convey a precise picture of the experiences, events, and/or characters.</li> </ul>	<p>The writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>illustrates consistent and sophisticated command of precise language, including sensory language, appropriate to the task.</li> <li>illustrates sophisticated command of syntactic variety for meaning and reader interest.</li> <li>utilizes sophisticated and varied transitional words and phrases.</li> </ul>	<p>The writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates consistent and sophisticated command of grade-level conventions of standard written English.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>may contain a few minor errors that do not interfere with meaning.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<p>In response to the task and the stimulus, the writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>adequately establishes a relevant context and point of view to engage and orient the reader and introduces a narrator and/or characters.</li> <li>utilizes adequate organizational strategies to establish a sequence of events and/or experiences that unfold naturally and logically, creating a smooth progression.</li> <li>contains an adequate conclusion that reflects on the narrated experiences or events.</li> </ul>	<p>In response to the task and the stimulus, the writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>adequately utilizes relevant narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection<sup>1</sup>, in order to sufficiently develop experiences, events, and/or characters.</li> <li>adequately incorporates relevant details from the stimulus.</li> <li>adequately demonstrates an understanding of the task and stimulus by using relevant descriptive details in order to convey a precise picture of the experiences, events, and/or characters.</li> </ul>	<p>The writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>illustrates consistent command of precise language, including sensory language, appropriate to the task.</li> <li>illustrates consistent command of syntactic variety for meaning and reader interest.</li> <li>utilizes appropriate and varied transitional words and phrases.</li> </ul>	<p>The writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates consistent command of grade-level conventions of standard written English.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>contains occasional minor and/or major errors, but the errors do not significantly interfere with meaning.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<p>In response to the task and the stimulus, the writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conveys a limited, possibly confusing context and point of view that may include a narrator and/or characters.</li> <li>contains a limited sequence of events and/or experiences that may be confusing or contain gaps that interfere with the natural flow of events and/or experiences.</li> <li>contains a weak conclusion that may be only loosely related to the narrated events or experiences.</li> </ul>	<p>In response to the task and the stimulus, the writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>utilizes some relevant narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection<sup>1</sup>, in order to partially develop experiences, events, and/or characters.</li> <li>utilizes limited, if any, relevant details from the stimulus.</li> <li>demonstrates some understanding of the task and stimulus by using some relevant details in order to convey a limited picture of the experiences, events, and/or characters.</li> </ul>	<p>The writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>illustrates inconsistent command of precise and/or sensory language.</li> <li>illustrates inconsistent command of syntactic variety.</li> <li>utilizes basic or repetitive transitional words and phrases.</li> </ul>	<p>The writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates inconsistent command of grade-level conventions of standard written English.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>contains frequent errors that may significantly interfere with meaning.</li> </ul>
<b>1</b>	<p>In response to the task and the stimulus, the writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>contains an unclear, irrelevant, or no context or point of view.</li> <li>contains no or an ineffective sequence of events and/or experiences that may be brief, confusing, or very hard to follow.</li> <li>contains no or an irrelevant conclusion.</li> </ul>	<p>In response to the task and the stimulus, the writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>contains few or no relevant narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection<sup>1</sup>, in order to develop experiences, events and/or characters.</li> <li>contains no or irrelevant details from the stimulus.</li> <li>demonstrates little to no understanding of the task and stimulus by using no or irrelevant details, conveying an unclear or no picture of the experiences, events, and/or characters.</li> </ul>	<p>The writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>illustrates little to no use of precise and/or sensory language.</li> <li>illustrates little to no syntactic variety.</li> <li>utilizes no or few transitional words and phrases.</li> </ul>	<p>The writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates limited command of grade-level conventions of standard written English.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>contains numerous and repeated errors that seriously impede meaning.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Reflection is expected at grade 8.

<sup>2</sup> Conventions of standard written English include sentence structure, grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.