

Grades K and 1 6-Point Rubric
Rubric for Narrative Writing (use pictures and/or text to assess)

Ideas

- 6 Rich details clearly demonstrate a strong main message.
- 5 Interesting details support main message.
- 4 Main message identifiable through some details.
- 3 More details are needed to clarify main message.
- 2 The essay needs to focus on one experience and more details.
- 1 The main topic is unclear with few details.

Organization

- 6 A beginning, middle and ending with an appealing lead and conclusion.
- 5 Reasonable order of beginning, middle, and ending attempting a lead and conclusion.
- 4 Workable beginning, middle, ending.
- 3 The order of story is helpful to reader.
- 2 Needs ordering and work on beginning and ending.
- 1 Details random with weak or no beginning or ending.

Voice

- 6 Lively, engaging and heartfelt voice of writer evident.
- 5 Original voice of writer shines through.
- 4 Original voice of writer is evident.
- 3 Sometimes, the voice sounds like the writer even if one line.
- 2 The voice of the writer is unclear – little engagement or passion.
- 1 The writing lacks real voice.

Conventions (spacing, periods, capitals, question marks, left to right)

- 6 Conventions are correct and enhance the meaning.
- 5 Most conventions are correct with no impact on clarity.
- 4 There are a few errors – writer in control of basics.
- 3 Conventional errors appear inconsistently in writing.
- 2 Noticeable, distracting errors may confuse the reader.
- 1 Does not use any recognizable conventions.