## NARRATIVE WRITING RUBRIC GRADES 7 and 8 North Smithfield School Department

COMMON CORE	4	3	2	1
PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF WRITING	Skillfully strengthens writing as needed by:     planning     revising     editing     rewriting or trying a new approach, after rethinking how well questions of purpose and context have been addressed.	Strengthens writing as needed by:      planning     revising     editing     rewriting or trying a new     approach, after rethinking how     well questions of purpose and     context have been addressed.	Attempts to or partially strengthens writing as needed by:     planning     revising     editing     rewriting or trying a new approach, after rethinking how well questions of purpose and context have been addressed.	Writing is not strengthened as needed by:
TEXT TYPES AND PURPOSES Organization Ideas	Compellingly engages and orients the reader by:     establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters     organizing an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically  Strongly organizes and presents ideas through use of:     introduction     thesis statement     body paragraphs     conclusion	Engages and orients the reader by:     establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters     organizing an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically. W.8.3a      Organizes and presents ideas through use of:     introduction     thesis statement     body paragraphs     conclusion	Attempts to engage and orient the reader by:     establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters     organizing an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.  Shows an effort to organize and present ideas through use of:     introduction     thesis statement     body paragraphs     conclusion	Does not engage and/or orient the reader by:         o establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters         o organizing an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.  Shows little or no effort to organize and present ideas through use of:         o introduction         o thesis statement         o body paragraphs         o conclusion
TEXT TYPES AND PURPOSES Ideas Word Choice Sentence Fluency	Skillfully uses narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, and reflection (grade 8) to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	Uses narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, and reflection (grade 8) to develop experiences, events, and/or characters. W.8.3b	Struggles to use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, and reflection (grade 8) to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	Does not use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, and reflection (grade 8) to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
TEXT TYPES AND PURPOSES Organization Word Choice Sentence Fluency	Creatively uses a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events. (grade 8)	Uses a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events. (grade 8) W.8.3c	Attempts to use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events. (grade 8)	Does not use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and does not show the relationships among experiences and events. (grade 8)

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COMMON CORE	4 Proficient with distinction	3 Proficient	2 Partially proficient	1 Below proficiency
TEXT TYPES AND PURPOSES Voice and Word Choice	Creatively uses precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.	Uses precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events. W.8.3d	Attempts to use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.	Does not use precise words and/or phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
TEXT TYPES AND PURPOSES Organization Ideas	Provides a memorable conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.	Provides a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. W.8.3e	Provides a weak or inappropriate conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.	Does not provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
LANGUAGE Conventions	Demonstrates advanced     understanding of the conventions of     standard written English (e.g., spelling,     usage, capitalization, punctuation, and     paragraphing); errors do not impair     the readability.	Demonstrates a grade-appropriate understanding of the conventions of standard written English (e.g., spelling, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and paragraphing); errors do not impair the readability.  L.7.1	Demonstrates partial grade- appropriate understanding of the conventions of standard written English (e.g., spelling, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and paragraphing); errors distract from the readability.	Does not demonstrate grade- appropriate understanding of the conventions of standard written English (e.g., spelling, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and paragraphing); errors greatly distract the readability.
OTHER e.g. Presentation				