**Narrative Scoring Guide**

**You’ve Got It**

Your narrative has the following characteristics:

* A focused, specific story or moment that clearly connects to a larger point
* Strong topic choice
* Demonstrates a strong awareness of the audience with a smooth and consistent pace that clearly and sequentially explains the event.
* Clearly links the beginning and end of the story
* Clear and logical organization; smooth transitions
* Careful word choice using rich, vivid details to convey ideas; shows rather than tells
* First person point of view
* Few to no grammar, spelling, or punctuation errors
* Approximately 500-650 words

**You’re Almost There**

Your narrative has the following characteristics:

* A specific story or moment that connects to a larger point
* Topic choice could be stronger
* Demonstrates some awareness of the audience with a smooth pace that clearly and sequentially explains the event
* Careful word choice using some rich, vivid details to convey ideas; shows rather than tells most of the time
* Attempts to links the beginning and end of the story; the connection could be clearer
* Story is well organized for the most part. Includes transitions but needs to make them smoother
* First person point of view
* Few grammar, spelling, or punctuation errors
* Approximately 500-650 words

**Still Working On It**

Your narrative will have the following characteristics:

* Displays a sense of purpose which may not be clear or consistent
* May need to rethink topic choice
* May describe multiple stories which breaks up the overall flow or makes it sound disjointed
* Some details engage the audience but choppy and confusing sequence of events sacrifices clarity
* Uses some vivid details to describe the story, but needs more careful selection in word choice; may tell more than show
* Link between the beginning and ending is unclear
* Paragraphs need to be better organized
* Includes few transitions; choppy flow
* May shift away from first person point of view
* Several grammar, spelling, or punctuation errors
* Approximately 500-650 words

**Needs Some Help**

Your narrative will have the following characteristics:

* Displays little sense of purpose
* Describes more than one story or moment with lacking connections to show how ideas are related

Demonstrates little awareness of the audience. Has a choppy pace and a confusing and/or unclear sequence of events

* Uses few details to describe the story and needs more careful selection in word choice; tells more than shows
* No link between the beginning and ending
* Needs organization; few to no transitions
* Needs to review topic choice
* May shift away from first person point of view
* Many grammar, spelling, or punctuation errors
* Significantly less than 500 words or greater than 650 words