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ESTABLISHING SETTING, POINT OF VIEW AND CHARACTERS	Does not establish the setting, point of view, or characters.	Introduces the setting, but the point of view is vague and/or the characters are undeveloped.	Clearly establishes one or two of the essential elements that orients a reader (setting, character, point of view).	Sets up the narrative by establishing a clear setting and point of view and by introducing a narrator and/or characters.	Creatively engages the reader with a well-developed setting, establishes one or multiple points of view, and introduces a narrator and/or complex characters.
NARRATIVE TECHNIQUES	Does not use include narrative techniques such as dialogue and description.	Attempts to includes narrative techniques such as dialogue and description but does so incorrectly.	Includes some narrative techniques such as dialogue and description but does not fully develop the experiences, events, and/or characters accurately.	Includes narrative techniques such as dialogue and description to elaborate details and develop the experiences, events, and/or characters accurately.	Includes a variety of narrative techniques such as engaging dialogue and vivid descriptions that develop and advance the story.
THEME/ MESSAGE	Does not include a theme or message.	Intended theme or message is unclear due to unfocused writing.	Includes attempts to create a theme or message but it is not fully developed.	A theme or message is developed throughout the writing.	A clear theme or message is developed to enhance the reader's understanding.

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ORGANIZATION	Lacks a sequence of experiences or events. Does not include transitional words or phrases to clarify relationships between ideas.	Follows an illogical sequence of experiences or events. May include incorrect use of transitional words or phrases that limit cohesion.	Follows a sequence of experiences or events, but contains inconsistencies. Inconsistently includes transitional words or phrases.	Follows a sequence of experiences or events. Includes transitional words or phrases to clarify relationships between ideas.	Logically progresses through experiences or events that build on one another. Uses appropriate and varied transitional words or phrases to link sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify relationships between ideas.
AUDIENCE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE (STYLE & WORD CHOICE)	Use of words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language is very limited and severely limits understanding of the experiences and events. Does not attempt to vary sentence patterns for meaning, interest, or style. The style of the writing is not appropriate for the task, purpose, and/or audience.	Use of words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language is limited and limits understanding of the experiences and events. Uses minimal variation in sentence patterns for meaning, interest, or style The style of the writing is not appropriate to task, purpose, and audience with major inconsistencies.	Use of words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language is often insufficient and/or partially limits understanding of the experiences and events. Attempts to vary sentence patterns for meaning, interest, or style, but this often interferes with meaning. The style of the writing is mostly appropriate to task, purpose, and audience with some inconsistencies.	Use of words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language is sufficient but at times can limit understanding of the experiences and events. Varies sentence patterns for meaning, interest, or style. The style of the writing is appropriate to task, purpose, and audience with minor inconsistencies.	Uses precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events. Skillfully varies sentence patterns for meaning, interest, and style to enhance the plot, theme, and/or character development. The style of the writing is appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
CONVENTIONS OF ENGLISH	Does not demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Many significant errors in conventions that are identified as a focus for this assignment.	Demonstrates little to no command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Many errors in conventions that are identified as a focus for this assignment.	Demonstrates a partial command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Errors in conventions that affect the overall meaning.	Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Some errors in conventions but they do not affect meaning.	Demonstrates a skillful command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Few or no errors in conventions.