

San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District
Grade 4
Scoring Rubric

4

The writing

- clearly addresses all parts of the writing task
- demonstrates a clear understanding of purpose
- Includes a clearly presented central idea with relevant facts, details and/or explanations
- maintains a consistent point of view, focus, and organizational structure, including paragraphing when appropriate
- includes a variety of sentient types
- contains few, if any, errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling). These errors do not interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing

Narrative

- includes vivid descriptive language and concrete sensory details that provide a context within which an event/experience takes place
- includes well-chosen details to enable the reader to imagine the world of the event/experience
- provides clear insight into why the selected incident is memorable

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The writing

- addresses all parts of the writing task
- demonstrates a general understanding of purpose
- presents a central idea with mostly relevant facts, details and/or explanations
- maintains a mostly consistent point of view, focus, and organizational structure, including paragraphing when appropriate
- includes a variety of sentient types
- contains some errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling). These errors do not interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing

Narrative

- includes some descriptive language and sensory details that provide a context within which an event/experience takes place
- includes some details to enable the reader to imagine the world of the event/experience
- provides some insight into why the selected incident is memorable

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The writing

- addresses only parts of the writing task
- demonstrates little understanding of purpose
- suggests a central idea with limited facts, details, and/or explanations
- maintains an inconsistent point of view, focus, and organizational structure
- includes little variety of sentence types
- contains several errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling). These errors may interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing

Narrative

- includes minimal descriptive language and sensory details that provide little context within which an event/experience takes place
- includes few details to enable the reader to imagine the world of the event/experience
- provides little insight into why the selected incident is memorable

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The writing

- is off topic or fails to address the writing task
- lacks a central idea but may contain marginally related facts, details, and/or explanations
- contains serious errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling). These errors interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing

Narrative

- includes no descriptive language and sensory details and provides no context within which an action takes place
- limited/no details and/or no event/experience
- provides no insight into why the selected incident is memorable