

Student's Narrative Checklist

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My story is focused on a single topic...a seed idea.		
My story stays focused on my seed idea all the way through.		
ORGANIZATION		
My story has good Introduction that sets the stage - WHO, WHERE, WHEN, WHAT...leads reader into the action...		
My story has clear RISING ACTION(S) - it is what happens RIGHT BEFORE the MAIN EVENT is about to take place-		
My story has a focused MAIN EVENT that contains the biggest part of the story. (I used Slow Motion Replay to describe what is happening-) It is the focus- what the story is really all about.		
My story has clear CLOSING ACTIONS - They tell what happens IMMEDIATELY AFTER the MAIN EVENT-brings action to an end		
My story has a solid Conclusion: FLW... Tells how I FELT / What I LEARNED / What I WISH... SEAL IT UP!!!		
My story has a variety of transition words and phrases that move my story along (such as: <i>As soon as, Shortly after that, In a moment, Suddenly, At last, In the meantime, Before I knew it, Without warning, Meanwhile, Immediately, etc.)</i>		
My story is complete and clear / feels "finished" like a timeline- I do not hear any lapses in time. It walks the reader through the story and makes sense.		
SUPPORT AND ELABORATION		
My story has specific details that support my actions and main event and bring it to life. I used description that showed my readers what the actions looked like. I showed the reader how I felt and what my body was doing.		
My main event is well developed with specific elaboration (powerful verbs and concrete nouns) I used description to SHOW and NOT just TELL.		
My story has enough relevant details and elaboration so that my reader can picture in their minds what is happening as I wrote it.		
STYLE		
My story has good word choice that makes sense. I used strong verbs and nouns.		
My story has sentences that begin differently. It can be read with a "flow".		
I REREAD MORE THAN ONE TIME AND REVISED MY STORY.		
CONVENTIONS- I EDITED my story for errors.		
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