

### Utah Compose: Narrative Essay Rubric—Student Version

Writing Analysis	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Development of Ideas</b>	<p>You have expertly used narrative techniques such as dialogue and description.</p> <p>Your events and characters are well-developed.</p> <p>Your story holds the reader's attention through events, details, and description that enrich the story's plot.</p> <p>Your story moves smoothly from introduction to conclusion.</p> <p>Your writing is clear, focused, and controlled.</p>	<p>The writing is clear, focused and generally appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>You have used appropriate literary strategies or techniques to develop your narrative.</p> <p>The points or events are clearly presented and move easily from general to specific.</p> <p>The main idea and supporting details are successfully balanced throughout the narrative.</p> <p>You have an introduction and concluding statement or section that are clearly connected to the rest of the narrative.</p> <p>Your writing has balance and moves along evenly.</p>	<p>Are your ideas thoughtful and interesting or more general and ordinary?</p> <p>Do you have a sequence of events that unfolds in a logical way?</p> <p>Does your narrative have a conclusion that develops naturally from the narrative?</p> <p>Have you introduced and developed characters and events?</p> <p>Have you used narrative techniques such as dialogue, description, and pacing to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations?</p>	<p>Are your narrative's situation and point of view clear?</p> <p>Did you introduce and develop characters and events?</p> <p>Do your details and descriptions all connected with your narrative's situation?</p> <p>Does your narrative have a clear beginning, middle, and end?</p> <p>Have you addressed all parts of the prompt with your narrative?</p>	<p>Have you written enough?</p> <p>Is there a clear situation in your story?</p> <p>Have you used reasons or details to support your main idea or story's situation?</p> <p>Do your reasons and details all connect with your main idea or story's situation?</p> <p>Have you included a concluding statement or section?</p> <p>Have you used any literary strategies or techniques to develop your narrative?</p>
<b>Organization</b>	<p>You have organized your writing in a way that highlights your story's situation and makes it stronger.</p> <p>Your linking words and phrases are used in a smooth and expert way.</p> <p>Your story is carefully organized with well-placed details from beginning to end.</p> <p>Your writing is well-balanced and moves along smoothly.</p>	<p>You have a clear introduction and conclusion that connect to the rest of the story.</p> <p>Your details are placed well and relate to the story's situation.</p> <p>Your linking words and phrases work well.</p> <p>Your story is well-organized and easy to follow.</p> <p>Your writing has balance and moves along evenly.</p> <p>Your narrative is generally appropriate for its task, purpose, and audience.</p>	<p>Do all your paragraphs connect to the story's situation?</p> <p>Does the sequence of events in your story make sense?</p> <p>Have you used linking words and phrases to connect and identify the events in your story?</p> <p>Have you written a clear introduction and conclusion to your story?</p> <p>Is your story easy for the reader to follow?</p> <p>Is your narrative appropriate for its task, purpose, and audience?</p>	<p>Are there connections and transitions between your ideas, events, or scenes?</p> <p>Are your details relevant and do they contribute to the narrative's plot?</p> <p>Is your narrative appropriate for its task, purpose, and audience?</p> <p>Have you attempted to write an introduction and a conclusion that are logical and enhance your narrative?</p>	<p>Did you create a plan for your narrative before you started writing?</p> <p>Have you written enough that there is some organization evident?</p> <p>Are your ideas clear and linked together with transitions?</p> <p>Are there any gaps in information that might confuse the reader?</p> <p>Have you been careful not to ramble and jump from one idea to another?</p>
<b>Style</b>	<p>The reader gets a clear sense of who you are through your writing.</p> <p>You speak directly to the audience through expressive and engaging writing.</p> <p>Your use of language and literary techniques is natural and brings the events and characters to life.</p> <p>Your writing fits the task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>Your writing makes the reader want to read more.</p>	<p>Your own interest in the narrative is clear.</p> <p>Your writing fits the task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>Your writing makes a connection with the reader and makes the reader want to read more.</p> <p>Your writing sounds like you.</p>	<p>Are your ideas and events clear and easy to follow?</p> <p>Does your writing make your reader want to read more?</p> <p>Is your writing appropriate to your task, purpose, and audience?</p>	<p>Does your writing fit the task, purpose, and readers?</p> <p>Have you described events and characters clearly?</p> <p>Does your writing show your interest in the story?</p> <p>Does your writing sound like you?</p> <p>Is your story different from others you have read?</p> <p>Is your plot interesting to you and to your readers?</p>	<p>Have you written enough?</p> <p>Have you thought carefully about your reason for writing about this topic?</p> <p>Is your plot clear?</p>

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Word Choice	<p>Excellent word choice gives this essay power.</p> <p>Your words are used in an interesting, natural, and expert way.</p> <p>Your words make your writing especially clear.</p>	<p>Your word choice makes your writing interesting but easy to understand.</p> <p>Your words are natural and help to make the story clear and believable.</p> <p>Your words are used in a generally interesting way.</p> <p>Literary devices, such as figurative language make your narrative more engaging.</p> <p>Your words are usually specific and accurate.</p>	<p>Are your words precise?</p> <p>Have you avoided using clichés, redundancies, and overused phrases?</p> <p>Have you used literary devices to enhance your writing?</p> <p>Have you used strong, interesting, and unusual words rather than common or overused ones?</p>	<p>Are the words in your story specific?</p> <p>Are you sure that you have used the correct words to make your story clear?</p> <p>Can you use more colorful, interesting words?</p> <p>Do you use different words and phrases or do you repeat the same ones?</p> <p>Have you chosen the correct words to express your ideas and to make the meaning of each sentence clear?</p>	<p>Have you chosen the correct words to express your ideas and to make the meaning of each sentence clear?</p> <p>Are you sure that the verbs, nouns and adjectives you used are the correct ones?</p> <p>Do you use the same words or phrases over and over?</p> <p>Are the words you have used specific?</p>
Sentence Fluency	<p>The amount of sentence variety present in this essay makes the text interesting.</p> <p>Your writing is concise and effective in conveying your meaning.</p> <p>Your writing is very natural and fluent.</p>	<p>Check to be sure your grammar is completely correct.</p> <p>Check to make sure you have some short sentences and some long ones.</p> <p>Check to make sure your writing is smooth and even.</p> <p>Check to see if you can improve any of your sentences.</p> <p>Check to make sure your writing moves along at a consistent pace.</p>	<p>Are your sentences, both simple and complex, without errors?</p> <p>Do the sentences flow smoothly one after the other?</p> <p>Have you made sure that you have no awkward sentences to slow a reader down?</p> <p>Have you made sure that you have used a variety of sentence types and lengths?</p>	<p>Are all sentences complete?</p> <p>Do your sentences begin in different ways?</p> <p>Have you used different kinds of sentences?</p>	<p>Are your sentences smooth rather than choppy or awkward?</p> <p>Have you ensured that there are no run-ons, fragments, and/or comma splices?</p> <p>Have you written clear sentences rather than confusing one?</p>
Conventions	<p>Mistakes in spelling, grammar, and punctuation are few, if any, and they do not make it difficult for the reader to understand your essay.</p> <p>This story is long enough and is written at a high level, showing that you use grammar, punctuation, and capitalization to make your writing more exciting.</p> <p>You have shown that you understand spelling, punctuation, and capitalization rules.</p>	<p>Check to make sure there are no errors in spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.</p> <p>Check to make sure you have used paragraphs correctly.</p> <p>Check to make sure your subjects and verbs agree.</p>	<p>Have you made sure your spelling is correct?</p> <p>Have you used paragraphs correctly?</p> <p>Have you written enough to show that you have control of spelling, punctuation, and/or capitalization?</p>	<p>Are there very noticeable errors in your narrative that might make it difficult to understand what you are trying to say?</p> <p>Have you made sure that your spelling, punctuation and capitalization are correct?</p> <p>Have you used paragraphs correctly?</p>	<p>Have you made sure your spelling is correct?</p> <p>Have you used commas, periods, question marks, and exclamation marks throughout your essay?</p> <p>Have you used correct grammar throughout your essay?</p>