Grade 3: Narrative Writing Rubric with WIDA language proficiency levels

	Entering	Emerging	Developing/Expanding	Bridging/Reaching
Ideas -Writes real or imagined experiences or events (W.3.3) -Introduces a narrator and characters (W.3.3a)	1 ~Tells stories in L1 using labeled pictures and/or single words that tell several connected events and show main characters 1 ~Uses sentence frames or starters to tell a story	2 ~Tells stories using labeled pictures that tell several connected events and show main characters 2 ~Uses graphic organizers and sentence stems to support writing	3 ~Writes real or imagined experiences or events with a graphic organizer 3 ~Includes a narrator and characters	4 ~Writes real or imagined experiences or events 4 ~Introduces a narrator and characters in a way that supports the story
Organization -Writes a strong lead & clear event sequences (W.3.3a) -Effectively uses dialogue to show characters feelings (W.3.3b) -Uses appropriate transition words (W.3.3c) -Writes a conclusion that ties the events (W.3.3d)	1 ~Attempts to begin a story in L1 and/or using pictures/single words 1 ~Attempts to convey sequence in L1, or with pictures and labels using a word bank 1 ~ May attempt to show characters' feelings 1 ~May attempt to finish a story with formulaic ending (i.e. the end)	2 ~Attempts to begin a story 2 ~Attempts to convey events in sequence with pictures and labels or with practiced transition words (first, next, then) 2 ~Begins to show characters feelings 2 ~May attempt to finish a story using sentence frames or starters	3 ~Writes a beginning 3 ~ Begins to use some dialogue 3 ~ Shows characters feelings 3 ~Uses some routine transition words to connect event sequences 3 ~Writes a recognizable conclusion	4 ~Writes a strong lead. 4 ~Uses descriptive words and phrases to show characters' feelings 4 ~Uses purposeful dialogue 4 ~Uses varied transition words to connect clear event sequences 4 ~Writes a well-formulated conclusion that ties the events
Sentence Fluency -Forms and uses variety of sentences (simple, compound, complex, prepositional phrases and time clauses) (W.3.3c), (L.3.11)	1 ~May write sentences with common verbs (is/are; have/has) using a sentence frame, single words and/.or copied text	 2 ~Communicates with single words, phrases, or short sentences. 2 ~Uses formulaic or practiced sentences. 2 ~May attempt to show time 	3 ~Uses some sentence variety (simple, compound, complex) 3 ~Attempts to use some prepositional phrases 3 ~Uses one or more time clauses with a word bank	 4 ~ Varies sentence structure to make the piece more interesting to read (simple, compound, complex) 4 ~Uses a range of prepositional phrases 4 ~ Uses varied time clauses
Word Choice -Includes character description (W.3.3b) -Uses strong verbs (L.3.1d,e) -Uses specific vocabulary and phrases (L.3.3A) (L.3.6)	1~Uses common vocabulary	 2 ~Uses common verbs 2 ~Uses simple adjectives and adverbs 2 ~Uses some specific content words with the support of a word bank 	3 ~Uses common verbs and some stronger ones 3 ~Uses common adjectives and adverbs and some more descriptive ones 3 ~Uses some specific/technical vocabulary	 4 ~Uses strong, vivid verbs 4 ~Uses a range of adjectives and adverbs 4 ~Uses specific vocabulary and phrases.

Voice -Builds toward particular tone -Writes for a particular audience (W.3.4)	1 ~Draws pictures that show a specific tone	2 ~Pictures/writing convey a general sense of tone (surprise, fear, joy, etc.)	3 ~Writing attempts to convey a particular tone. 3 ~Shows some awareness of a particular audience	 4 ~ Effectively conveys voice in the writing. 4 ~ Demonstrates clear awareness of a particular audience
Conventions -Spells grade appropriate words correctly (L.3.2.e,) ~Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g. word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, etc. (L3.2f) -Uses correct capitalization (L.3.2.a.) -Uses correct punctuation including commas, apostrophes and quotation marks (L.3.2.b,c &d)	 1 ~Copies words correctly 1 ~Uses an alphabet chart or word wall to spell some words with help 1 ~May attempt capitalization. 1 ~May attempt to use end punctuation with a sentence frame 	 2 ~Spells some grade appropriate words correctly 2 ~Attempts to use spelling patterns but comprehensibility is difficult 2 ~Uses some capitalization 2 ~Uses some end punctuation 	3 ~Spells many grade appropriate words correctly 3 ~Attempts to use spelling patterns when writing words 3 ~Most capitalization is correct 3 ~Most punctuation is correct with some attempt at commas, apostrophes or quotation marks evident if needed	4 ~Spells grade appropriate words correctly 4 ~Uses learned spelling patterns and generalizations when writing words (i,e, word families, position-based spellings, ending rules, etc) 4 ~Uses correct capitalization in sentences and titles 4 ~Uses correct punctuation including commas, apostrophes and quotation marks if needed

POINTS	SCORE	ELL LEVELS	Points	Score	Mainstream	
1-13	1	Entering ELL	1-34	1 24	1	Does Not Meet Grade
14-34	2	Emerging ELL		1	Level Expectations	
35-49	3	Developing ELL	35-63	2	Approaches Grade Level	
50-63	4	Expanding ELL			Expectations	
64-76	5/6	Bridging/Reaching ELL	64-76	3	Meets Grade Level	
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