Writing Personal Narrative with Power: Grade 5 Writing Unit 1

	Establishment of Narrative Focus and Organization		Development: Elaboration and Language		
			Narrative	Vocabulary	
4	 The personal narrative is clearly focused and maintained throughout: Effectively establishes a setting and describes the people in the story 	 The personal narrative has an effective plot helping create unity and completeness: effective, consistent use of a variety of transitional strategies logical sequence of events from beginning to end effective opening and closure for audience and purpose 	 The personal narrative provides thorough and effective elaboration using details, dialogue, and description: effective use of a variety of narrative techniques that advance the story or illustrate the experience 	The personal narrative clearly and effectively expresses experiences or events: • effective use of sensory and concrete language clearly advance the purpose	 The personal narrative demonstrates a strong command of conventions: few, if any, errors in usage and sentence formation effective and consistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
3	The personal narrative is adequately focused and generally maintained throughout: • Adequately establishes a setting and describes the people in the story	 The personal narrative has an evident plot helping a sense of unity and completeness, though there may be minor flaws and some ideas may be loosely connected: adequate use of a variety of transitional strategies adequate sequence of events from beginning to end adequate opening and closure for audience and purpose 	The personal narrative provides adequate elaboration using details, dialogue, and description: • adequate use of a variety of narrative techniques that generally advance the story or illustrate the experience	The personal narrative adequately expresses experiences or events: • adequate use of sensory and concrete language generally advance the purpose	 The personal narrative demonstrates an adequate command of conventions: some errors in usage and sentence formation may be present, but no systematic pattern of errors is displayed adequate use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling

Personal Narrative Assessment Rubric

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Score	Narrative Focus	Organization	Elaboration of Narrative	Language and Vocabulary	Conventions
2	The personal narrative is somewhat maintained and may have a minor drift in focus: • inconsistently establishes a setting and describes the people in the story	 The personal narrative has an inconsistent plot, and flaws are evident: inconsistent use of basic transitional strategies with little variety uneven sequence of events from beginning to end opening and closure, if present, are weak weak connection among ideas 	The personal narrative provides uneven, cursory elaboration using partial and uneven details, dialogue, and description: • narrative techniques, if present, are uneven and inconsistent	The personal narrative unevenly expresses experiences or events: • partial or weak use of sensory and concrete language that may not advance the purpose	The personal narrative demonstrates a partial command of conventions: • frequent errors in usage may obscure meaning • inconsistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
1	 The personal narrative may be maintained but may provide little or no focus: may be very brief may have a major drift focus may be confusing or ambiguous 	 The personal narrative has little or no discernible plot: few or no transitional strategies are evident frequent extraneous ideas may intrude 	The personal narrative provides minimal elaboration using few or no details, dialogue, and description: • use of narrative techniques is minimal, absent, in error, or irrelevant	The personal narrative expression of ideas is vague, lacks clarity, or is confusing: • use of limited language • may have little sense of purpose	The personal narrative demonstrates a lack of command of conventions: • errors are frequent and severe, and meaning is often obscured