

STATE ASSESSMENT RUBRICS

NJSLA-A Grades 6-8 Narrative Rubric

Grades 6-8 15 points total 3 criteria NJ State assessment rubrics

The NJ NJSLA-A Grades 6-8 Narrative Rubric scored out of 15 points across 3 criteria, for narrative writing at grades 6-8.

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How it is scored

CRITERION	POINTS	LEVELS
Ideas and Focus	5	5
Organization	5	5
Expression and Word Choice	5	5
Total	15	

The full rubric

Ideas and Focus · 5 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
5 pts	Focused response, clear understanding of task and purpose. Characteristics: a context and point of view that clearly introduces a narrator and/or characters; narrative techniques that clearly develop experiences, events and/or characters.
4 pts	Mostly focused response, general understanding of task and purpose. Characteristics: a context and point of view that generally introduces a narrator and/or characters; narrative techniques that generally develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
3 pts	Basic response, some understanding of task and purpose. Characteristics: a context and point of view that somewhat introduces a narrator and/or characters; narrative techniques that somewhat develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
2 pts	Limited response, partial understanding of task and purpose. Characteristics: a limited or attempted context and/or point of view that introduces a narrator and/or characters; narrative techniques that attempt to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
1 pt	Minimally written response, minimal understanding of task and purpose. Characteristics: a minimal context and/or point of view; minimal, missing, or unclear use of narrative techniques.

Organization · 5 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
5 pts	Focused response. Characteristics: a clearly organized event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically; a conclusion that clearly follows the experiences and events.
4 pts	Mostly focused response. Characteristics: a generally organized event sequence that unfolds logically; a conclusion that generally follows from the experiences and events.
3 pts	Basic response. Characteristics: a sequence of experiences or events that unfold somewhat logically; a conclusion that somewhat follows from the experiences and events.
2 pts	Limited response. Characteristics: a limited or attempted sequence of experiences or events; a limited or attempted conclusion.
1 pt	Minimally written response. Characteristics: minimal or unclear relationship between events; minimal or missing conclusion.

Expression and Word Choice · 5 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
5 pts	Focused response. Characteristics: transition words and phrases to clearly signal shifts in time frame or setting; precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to clearly convey experiences and events.
4 pts	Mostly focused response. Characteristics: transition words and phrases to generally signal shifts in time frame or setting; words and phrases, mostly relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to generally convey experiences and events.
3 pts	Basic response. Characteristics: transition words or phrases to somewhat signal shifts in time frame or setting; words, phrases, and descriptive details to somewhat convey experiences and events.
2 pts	Limited response. Characteristics: limited transition words or phrases that attempt to signal shifts in time frame or setting; limited descriptive details that attempt to convey experiences and events.
1 pt	Minimally written response. Characteristics: minimal transition words to signal shifts in time frame or setting; minimal or unclear descriptive details to convey events or characters.

Scoring record

Student	Assignment	Date
CRITERION	SCORE	COMMENTS
Ideas and Focus	/ 5	
Organization	/ 5	
Expression and Word Choice	/ 5	
Total	/ 15	

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