

STATE ASSESSMENT RUBRICS

NJSLA-A Grade 9 Narrative Rubric

Grades 9 15 points total 3 criteria NJ State assessment rubrics

The NJ NJSLA-A Grade 9 Narrative Rubric scored out of 15 points across 3 criteria, for narrative writing at grades 9.

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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 problem, situation, or observation that clearly engages and orients the reader; clearly establishes one or multiple point(s) of view; 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 problem, situation, or observation that generally engages and orients the reader; generally establishes one or multiple point(s) of view; 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 problem, situation, or observation that somewhat engages and orients the reader; somewhat establishes one or multiple point(s) of view; 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 problem, situation, or observation that attempts to engage or orient the reader; attempts to establish a point of view; attempts to introduce a narrator or characters; limited or attempted narrative techniques.

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
1 pt	Minimally written response, minimal understanding of task and purpose. Characteristics: a problem, situation, or observation that is minimal or unclear; establishes minimal or no point of view; minimally introduces a narrator or characters; minimal or no narrative techniques.

Organization · 5 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
5 pts	Focused response. Characteristics: a sequence of real or imagined experiences or events that build on one another to create a coherent whole; a conclusion that clearly follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved.
4 pts	Mostly focused response. Characteristics: a sequence of real or imagined experiences or events that generally creates a coherent whole; a conclusion that generally follows from what is experienced, observed, or resolved.
3 pts	Basic response. Characteristics: a sequence of real or imagined experiences or events that creates a somewhat coherent whole; a conclusion that somewhat follows from what is experienced, observed, or resolved.
2 pts	Limited response. Characteristics: a limited or attempted series of events; a limited or attempted conclusion.
1 pt	Minimally written response. Characteristics: minimal or no sequence of events; a minimal or missing conclusion.

Expression and Word Choice · 5 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
5 pts	Focused response. Characteristics: precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to clearly convey experiences, events, settings, and/or characters.
4 pts	Mostly focused response. Characteristics: words and phrases, details, and sensory language to generally convey experiences, events, settings, and/or characters.
3 pts	Basic response. Characteristics: words and phrases to somewhat convey experiences, events, settings, and/or characters.
2 pts	Limited response. Characteristics: limited or attempted words or phrases to convey experiences, events, settings, or characters.
1 pt	Minimally written response. Characteristics: minimal or no words or phrases to convey experiences, events, settings, 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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