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| Focus of<br>Writing           | Sharp, distinct controlling point<br>or theme with evident awareness<br>of the narrative task.   | Clear controlling point or theme<br>with general awareness of the<br>narrative task.  | Vague evidence of a controlling<br>point or theme with inconsistent<br>awareness of the narrative task.  | Little or no evidence of a<br>controlling point or theme with<br>minimal awareness of the<br>narrative task  | Essay is off<br>prompt.  |
| Engaging<br>Opening<br>Tactic | An effective, inviting, and<br>interesting engaging opening<br>tactic is utilized.   | An adequate engaging opening tactic is utilized.  | Engaging opening tactic is<br>utilized, but is not effective in<br>gaining the reader's interest.  | Engaging opening tactic is<br>unclear or is uninviting to the<br>reader.   | No engaging<br>opening tactic is<br>utilized.  |
| Content<br>Development        | Strong story line with illustrative<br>details that addresses a complex<br>idea or examines a complex<br>experience. Thoroughly<br>elaborated narrative sequence<br>that employs narrative elements<br>as appropriate. | Story line with details that<br>addresses an idea or examines an<br>experience. Sufficiently<br>elaborated narrative sequence<br>that employs narrative elements<br>as appropriate.           | Inconsistent story line that<br>inadequately addresses an idea<br>or examines an experience.<br>Insufficiently elaborated<br>narrative sequence that may<br>employ narrative elements.       | Insufficient story line that<br>minimally addresses an idea or<br>examines an experience.  | There is no<br>story line to this<br>narrative.  |
| Organization<br>of Narrative  | Skillful narrative pattern with<br>clear and consistent sequencing<br>of events, employing a<br>beginning, middle, and an end.<br>Minor interruptions to the<br>sequence may occur.                                    | Narrative pattern with generally<br>consistent sequencing of events,<br>employing a beginning, middle,<br>and an end. Interruptions to the<br>sequence may occur.                             | Narrative pattern with generally<br>inconsistent sequencing of<br>events that may employ a<br>beginning, middle, and an end.<br>Interruptions to the sequence<br>may interfere with meaning. | Narrative pattern with little or no<br>sequencing of events.<br>Interruptions to the sequence<br>interfere with meaning.   | There is no<br>organization to<br>narrative  |
| Style of<br>Writing           | Precise control of language,<br>literary devices, and sentence<br>structures that creates a<br>consistent and effective point of<br>view and tone. Writer has<br>effectively attempted to vary<br>sentence beginnings. | Appropriate control of language,<br>literary devices, and sentence<br>structures that creates a<br>consistent point of view and<br>tone. Writer has attempted to<br>vary sentence beginnings. | Limited control of language and<br>sentence structures that creates<br>interference with point of view<br>and tone. Writer's attempts to<br>vary sentence beginnings are<br>awkward.         | Minimal control of language and<br>sentence structures that creates<br>an inconsistent point of view and<br>tone. Writer has ineffectively<br>varied his/her sentence<br>beginnings. | No control of<br>language and<br>sentence<br>structures. No<br>evidence of<br>rearranged<br>sentences. |
| Use of<br>Dialogue            | 6+ lines of dialogue are present<br>in narrative. Dialogue is<br>accurately punctuated and is<br>skillfully presented.   | 4-5 lines of dialogue are present<br>in narrative. Most of the<br>dialogue is punctuated correctly<br>and is interesting to follow.   | 3-4 lines of dialogue are present<br>in narrative. There are some<br>errors in its punctuation, and the<br>dialogue is not very elaborate.   | 1-2 lines of dialogue are present<br>in narrative. Dialogue is not<br>punctuated correctly at all and is<br>insufficient and/or uninteresting.                                       | There is no<br>dialogue present<br>in narrative.   |
| Use of Vivid<br>Verbs         | Writer effectively uses 5 or more<br>vivid verbs, thereby enhancing<br>the writer's style.   | Writer adequately uses 4-5 vivid<br>verbs thereby making the<br>writer's style interesting.   | Writer uses 3-5 vivid verbs.<br>Verbs inadequately enhance the<br>writer's style.  | Writer uses 1-2 vivid verbs.<br>Verbs that are used minimally<br>enhance the writer's style.   | There are no<br>vivid verbs<br>utilized in<br>narrative.   |

## Narrative Assignment Rubric

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| Use of<br>Sensory<br>Details | The writer uses at least 5<br>examples of sensory details that<br>are skillfully placed and relate to<br>one or more of the senses.  | The writer uses 4-5 examples of<br>sensory details which are<br>adequately placed and relate to<br>one or more of the senses.   | The writer uses 3-5 examples of<br>sensory details which are<br>sometimes inadequately placed<br>and only relate to one of the<br>senses and may interfere with<br>flow of narrative. | The writer uses 1-2 examples of<br>sensory details which, where<br>placed, interfere with the flow of<br>the narrative. Sensory details only<br>relate to one of the senses. | There are no<br>sensory details<br>present in<br>narrative.                                       |
| Use of<br>Conventions        | Evident control of grammar,<br>spelling, and sentence formation.   | Sufficient control of grammar,<br>spelling, and sentence formation.<br>Few grammatical errors are<br>present in the essay and do not<br>interfere with reading.         | Limited control of grammar,<br>spelling, and sentence formation.<br>Confused and inconsistent<br>arrangement of sentences and<br>fragments interferes with<br>reading.                | Minimal control of grammar,<br>spelling, and sentence formation.<br>Essay is difficult to read.  | No essay has<br>been submitted<br>in order to<br>assess<br>mechanics.                             |
| Marked-up<br>Final Copy      | The marked-up final copy<br>clearly and precisely illustrates<br>the techniques learned<br>throughout the course of this<br>assignment. All techniques are<br>illustrated. | The marked-up final copy<br>adequately illustrates the<br>techniques learned throughout<br>the course of this assignment.<br>Most of the techniques are<br>illustrated. | The marked-up final copy<br>insufficiently illustrates the<br>techniques learned throughout<br>the course of this assignment.<br>Some of the techniques are<br>illustrated.           | The marked-up final copy<br>minimally illustrates the<br>techniques learned throughout the<br>course of this assignment. Hardly<br>any of the techniques are<br>illustrated. | A marked-up<br>final copy that<br>illustrates the<br>skills learned<br>has not been<br>submitted. |

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| MLA Formatting      | Proper MLA format has been used for the           | Proper MLA format is only partially evident          | Proper MLA Format has not been used in the    |
|                     | heading.  | and/or the heading is not double spaced.             | heading.                                      |
| Title               | A creative title has been used to draw the reader | A basic title has been used; title lacks creativity. | There is no title included.                   |
|                     | in.   |  |   |
| Rough Drafts        | Rough draft(s) with evidence of editing has/have  | Rough draft has been submitted, but rough draft      | No rough draft(s) has/have been submitted.    |
|                     | been submitted.                                   | does not have any editing markings on it.            |   |
| Inspiration Outline | A complete and thorough Inspiration outline has   | A partially complete Inspiration outline has been    | No Inspiration Outline has been submitted.    |
|                     | been submitted.                                   | submitted.   |   |
| Peer Review         | A complete and thorough peer review sheet has     | A peer review sheet has been submitted but it is     | No peer review sheet was included; a thorough |
|                     | been filled out and submitted with the writing.   | only partially complete.                             | peer review is not evidenced.                 |

- ✓ A 2.5-point deduction for not having 1" margins
- ✓ A 2.5-point deduction for not having 12-point Times New Roman font

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