

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade Narrative Rubric – Harris Burdick

	4 –exceeded expectations	3 – met expectations	2 – partially met	1 – needs significant assistance
Narrative elements	I can engage the reader by effectively using 3 or more of the following narrative techniques: dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and/or multiple plot lines.	I can establish a setting, point of view, introduce characters, and use transitions to organize an event sequence that unfolds logically.	I attempt to develop a setting, introduce characters, and/or organize an event sequence.	I can complete some of the skills mentioned and/or complete all skills but with limited depth.
Sensory details	I can consistently and effectively use precise words/phrases and sensory language in a unique way to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.	I can use precise words/phrases and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.	I attempt to use precise words/phrases and sensory language but am not always consistent or effective; tells rather than shows.	I do not have specifics; very few sensory words present; missing details; no mental picture.
Language conventions	I can use purposeful and varied sentence structure and demonstrate strong knowledge of language conventions (grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization).	I can use correct sentence structure and demonstrate grade level appropriate conventions; errors are minor and do not obscure meaning.	I use repetitive sentence structure and at times am not able to correctly follow conventional rules. I demonstrate some grade level conventions, but the errors made obscure meaning.	I demonstrate a limited understanding of appropriate grade level conventions and errors interfere with the meaning.
Conclusion	I can provide an elaborate conclusion that reflects on the course of the narrative.	I can provide a general conclusion that reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.	I conclude the events rather abruptly.	I include a sentence or two to end the story but I don't provide any real closure.

**This rubric must be turned in with the final draft!**

General reminders:

- 1) Your narrative must be a minimum of 5 paragraphs (You can use the following to guide you: 1 paragraph each of the following: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution)
- 2) Your narrative must include the lines of text from the *Harris Burdick* picture you have chosen
- 3) Do NOT include more than 3 characters