

FSPS Fictional Narrative Writing Criteria- Grade 4

Writing Criteria: B

Key Skills and Understanding

CC.W.4.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

Narrative Writing – Fictional: Fictional narratives are about an imagined event or scenario created by the author.

Grade 4

Ideas/Research

Generates ideas

Focuses on an imagined event or scenario

Organizes ideas and plans writing

Uses descriptive sentences interspersed with sequence of events

Includes engaging related details

Organization/Text Features

Includes a title that relates closely to the narrative

Includes an engaging lead that introduces a narrator and/or introduces the characters

Relates an event or sequence of events in time order

Presents information in paragraphs with main ideas and supporting details

Uses dialogue to show characters' interactions, responses, and feelings

Has a conclusion that includes thoughts and feelings and wraps up the piece

Language Style

Uses first or third person for fictional narratives

Uses consistent verb tense

Includes precise and powerful vocabulary

Includes vivid descriptions and images, including sensory details

Uses temporal words and phrases (at first, finally, etc.) to manage the sequence of events

Includes a variety of sentences for fluency and impact

Note. Adapted from *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing: Grade K* (p. 98), by T. Stead and L. Hoyt, 2011, Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

Mentor Text

Mentor Text:

1. <http://www.readandwritewithrebecca.com/Mentor-Texts.html>
2. <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/files/curriculum/G4IS12-7-09.pdf>
3. <http://www.d11.org/Instruction/Literacy.LanguageArts/Pages/k-5-Writing-Resources.aspx>

Student Exemplars

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1. [http://www.ttms.org/PDFs/03%20Writing%20Samples%20v001%20\(Full\).pdf](http://www.ttms.org/PDFs/03%20Writing%20Samples%20v001%20(Full).pdf)

Lesson Resources

Lesson Plans & Resources:

1. <http://www.d11.org/Instruction/Literacy.LanguageArts/Pages/k-5-Writing-Resources.aspx>
2. <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/files/curriculum/G4IS12-7-09.pdf>
3. <http://www.lessoncorner.com/search?page=2&q=Narrative+Writing>

Rubrics:

1. <http://www.swain.k12.nc.us/docs/Swain2009-10K-12WritingGuide.pdf>
2. <http://fourthgrade.escuelacampoalegre.wikispaces.net/file/view/Story+Rubric.pdf>

Graphic Organizers:

1. http://pinterest.com/jody_saxon/graphic-organizers/

Professional Text:

1. Houston, G. (2004). *How Writing Works*. Boston, MA: Pearson Education, Inc.
2. Owocki, G. (2013). *The Common Core Writing Book*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann
3. Stead, T. & Hoyt, Linda. (2011). *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing*. Portsmouth, ...