



Structure to Guide/Assess Narrative Fiction Writing

CCSSW 3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.

What is the message or theme—what do you want the reader to understand?

Describe the **Setting** with at least 2 details: _____

Main Characters: Describe two important characters.

Character	List at least two traits

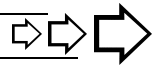
Challenge: What problem will the characters face? _____

Response: How will the characters resolve it? _____

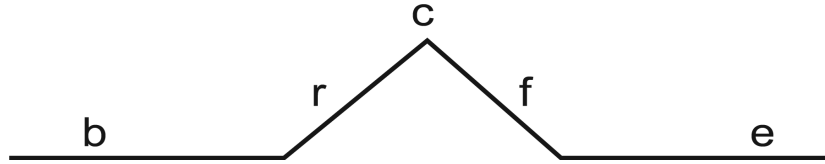
How will the main character change, or what will that character learn?

Assessment Basis:

Focus	Insufficient	Developing	Meeting	Exceeding
Characters and Setting	No details provided	Provides a few details	Lists 2 character traits, 2 setting details	Provides more than 2 traits and details.
Character development	Not relevant or no response.	Provides some information	Identifies change	Explain how character develops.
Problem and Solution	Not relevant or no response.	Provides partial information	Completes information	Completes information and relates to theme
Theme	Not relevant or no response.	Lists topic instead of theme	Provides theme	Provides theme; it aligns with literary models.



Construct the Plot



b beginning/exposition **r** rising action **c** climax **f** falling action **e** end/resolution

What happens? In just a few words tell the plot. Be sure to use the events to help your reader understand the theme.

<i>b</i>	
<i>r</i>	
<i>c</i>	
<i>f</i>	
<i>e</i>	

How does your plot communicate the theme? _____

Who will narrate? _____

Why did you choose that narrator? _____

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<i>Plot</i>	<i>Not provided or not related to theme</i>	<i>Some parts listed, not classified appropriately; related to theme</i>	<i>Completed; appropriately classified; some parts relate to theme</i>	<i>Completed; appropriately classified; clear relationship to theme</i>
<i>Narrator</i>	<i>No response</i>	<i>Identified without reason</i>	<i>Identified with reason</i>	<i>Identified with reason relating to effective writing</i>