PYLUSD 11th/12th Grade Narrative Rubric

	4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Below Proficient	1 Far Below Proficient
Writing	Expertly uses a variety of narrative	Uses a variety of narrative techniques (e.g.,	Uses limited narrative techniques (e.g.,	Does not use narrative techniques (e.g.,
W11-12.3 W11-12.4	techniques (e.g., sensory detail, dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, multiple plot	sensory detail, dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, multiple plot lines) to develop	sensory detail, dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, multiple plot lines) to develop	sensory detail, dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, multiple plot lines) to develop
Writes narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences	lines) to develop experiences, events, and/or characters as well as to engage and orient the reader:	experiences, events, and/or characters as well as to engage and orient the reader:	experiences, events, and/or characters as well as to engage and orient the reader:	experiences, events, and/or characters as well as to engage and orient the reader:
	☐ Clearly sets out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance	 Sets out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance 	☐ May set out a problem, situation, or observation but it is not clear and/or its significance is not developed	☐ Does not set out a problem, situation, or observation
	☐ Establishes and maintains one or multiple point(s) of view	☐ Establishes one or multiple point(s) of view	Attempts to establish one or multiple point(s) of view but creates some confusion for the reader	☐ Does not establish a point of view creating much confusion for the reader
	☐ Introduces a narrator and/or characters that grow in complex ways ☐ Creates a smooth progression of experiences or events that seamlessly build on one another to create a stronger, more coherent whole	 Introduces a narrator and/or characters Creates a smooth progression of experiences or events that build on one another to create a coherent whole 	☐ Introduces a narrator and/or characters but creates confusion for the reader ☐ Creates a progression of experiences or events that do not always build on one another and thus creates confusion for the reader	 □ Does not introduce a narrator and/or characters □ Does not create a progression of experiences or events
	Sequences events so that they smoothly build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, or resolution)	Uses a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, or resolution)	Uses limited techniques to sequence events so that they build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, or resolution)	Does not use techniques to sequence events so that they build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, or resolution)
	☐ Uses precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to skillfully convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters	☐ Uses precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters	☐ Uses imprecise words and phrases, limited details, and/or limited sensory language to convey a vague picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters	 Does not use words and phrases, details, or sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters
	☐ Provides a conclusion that follows from, reflects on, and strengthens what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative	 Provides a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative 	□ Provides a weak conclusion	□ Does not provide a conclusion
Language L11-12.1 L11-12.2 L11-12.3 L11-12.5 L11-12.6	☐ Writes and edits work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual with no errors (e.g., MLA Handbook, etc.) when indicated and appropriate	☐ Writes and edits work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual with few errors (e.g., MLA Handbook, etc.) when indicated and appropriate	☐ Writes and edits work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual with many errors (e.g., MLA Handbook, etc.) when indicated and appropriate	Does not write and edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual (e.g., MLA Handbook, etc.) when indicated and appropriate
	☐ Varies syntax, sentence structures, lengths, and starters to strengthen the narrative	☐ Varies syntax, sentence structures, lengths, and starters	☐ Has limited variety in syntax, sentence structure, length, and/or starters	☐ Does not vary syntax, sentence structure, lengths, or starters (contains many fragments, run-ons, and/or repetitive/choppy sentences)
	 Uses rich, vivid, above grade- appropriate words and phrases with accuracy 	☐ Uses grade-appropriate words and phrases with accuracy	☐ Uses grade-appropriate words and phrases with limited accuracy	☐ Uses simplistic, below grade-appropriate words and phrases
	Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling with no errors	 Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling with few errors 	 Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling with many errors 	☐ Text is confusing due to frequent errors in the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling