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Story has an engaging beginning	Used a strategy in a creative way: dialogue, action, question, interesting fact: sound effect	Fairly effective use of a engaging strategy	Attempted to used a strategy but the strategy was not very effective	Began story with basic line "one day..."when I was... Used no strategy
Story is focused with a logical flow	Has a clear focus with story details that support a creative, interesting, logical flow of events/uses transition words effectively	Has a focused topic with story details that support a fairly logical flow of events; uses transition words	Could have missing parts that interfere with understanding; may be unfocused; rambling; few or no transition words	Unfocused topic; missing many important details so story is very difficult to follow, very confusing; no flow
Uses descriptive language: adjectives/vivid verbs/metaphor and/or simile	Used descriptive adjectives/vivid verbs; effective metaphors/similes	Used enough adjectives, vivid verbs; at least one metaphor and simile	Used some but could have used more adj. and vivid verbs; ineffective or one metaphor or simile	Used very few or no adjectives and/or vivid verbs; no metaphor or simile
Had an ending/ conclusion showing reflection/insight	Great conclusion/ending! Wraps up narrative creatively and shows insight about the situation!	Fairly effective ending; some reflection	Confusing ending; does not effectively reflect back on the experience	Undeveloped ending; quick close; no reflection; or no ending
Conventions	Spelling, capitalization, punctuation, paragraphing and grammar are effective and make the paper easy to read and understand	Spelling, capitalization, punctuation, paragraphing and grammar are mostly correct. Errors do not make writing difficult to read or understand	Spelling, capitalization, punctuation, paragraphing and grammar create problems that slow the reader or cause confusion	Spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar errors are numerous and make writing difficult to follow
Presentation	Neatly written; recognized margins or typed with proper formatting, font size, etc.	Mostly neatly written; recognized margins. Mostly correctly typed.	Difficulty reading some parts of story; uneven margins. Formatting errors.	Difficulty reading majority of story due to handwriting and/or formatting.