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Personal Narrative Rubric

	4 **Strong**	3 **Developing**	2 **Emerging**	1 **Needs Improvement**
Grammar, Mechanics, & Spelling	There are minimal to no errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling.	There are few errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling, but they do not interfere with understanding.	There are several errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling.	Numerous errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling occur throughout writing.
Organization	Events are written in order and in a logical sequence, with a clear introduction, body, and conclusion. Transitions are smooth between paragraphs.	Some events are written in order, and there are paragraphs for each event. Transitions are used occasionally.	Events are written out of order and lack transitions. The paragraphs are not cohesive.	There is no clear introduction, structure, or conclusion. No transitions or paragraphs are used.
Content	The events and characters are fully developed, with rich descriptions, actions, thoughts, and dialogue. The narrative is engaging and thoughtful. All details contribute to the overall coherence of the story.	The events and characters are developed, with some description, actions, thoughts, and dialogue. The narrative is engaging. Most details contribute to the overall coherence of the story.	Few events and characters are developed. The narrative lacks pertinent details, actions, thoughts, and dialogue.	Story does not develop the events and characters. There are no coherent descriptions, actions, thoughts, or dialogue.
Sentence Fluency & Word Choice	Variety in sentence structure and word structure is consistently shown. Words are specific and accurate and the meaning is always clear.	Variety in sentence structure and word structure is consistently shown. Some words are specific and accurate and the meaning is often clear.	Sentences are not varied and writing shows limited word choice.	Sentences lack formal structure. Poor or inaccurate word choice is used throughout writing.