

Writing Assessment and Evaluation Rubrics

Name Class Date

Below-average Writing Model

Writing Process in Action: Narrative Writing (Unit 4, pages 200–203)

Assignment: Write a one- to two-page narrative that could serve as an introduction to a longer work of fiction.

Marilou is a woman who lives alone near the beach in an old house. She has red hair and loves to paint. She used to be a very nice, relaxed lady. Now she's not.

Introduces a potential conflict, but description lacks sufficient detail

Last summer she couldn't hear the ocean waves no more because there was a new neighbor by her who had parties every night. The music from the parties were so loud it was louder than the waves! The man throwing these parties every night lived in a huge purple house that he built on the beach. It looked like a mansion. He was named Mr. Patterson and he was very rich. All kinds of people came to his house. It seemed like a hotel or something, but it was not.

Contains significant grammatical errors

I had just got to my aunts house and she told me all about this. I had never seen or heard anything like this. Her house was normaly very quiet. She was so mad about all the noise. It was driving her crazy! I looked out the window at his house and started to feel wierd. I wondered if he was crazy. Or was my aunt crazy now?

Changes to the first person point of view

We ate dinner. The music got louder and louder all night. After dinner, I got up and started walking down the beach toward the music. There was a full moon outside.

Story complication is unclear.

Summary: *This narrative uses an inconsistent point of view and seems to end in the middle of a paragraph. While the piece includes a few vivid character and setting details, it lacks dialogue and a title and includes many grammatical errors. The narrative could be improved by using a clear and consistent point of view from the beginning and by adding relevant dialogue and specific details to better develop the story complication, characters, and setting.*

This piece would probably receive a 1 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive a 65 if evaluated by the analytic method—25 points for Focus/Organization, 20 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 20 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.