

# Writing Assessment and Evaluation Rubrics

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## Below-average Writing Model

### Writing Process in Action: Narrative Writing (Unit 4, pages 194–197)

**Assignment:** For an essay contest judged by high school juniors, write a two-page narrative about a person you find astonishing and inspiring.

#### Be Brave

We have a great-uncle named Chuck who was a hero in World War II. He picked up a hand grenade and threw it back at the enemy. He saved the lives of all the soldiers around him but the grenade blew up too close to him and he lost his hands. After that, he had to wear a hook on his right hand and he only had part of his other hand left. You would think that his chances for a good job were ruined, especially his chances at being a doctor but after the war he started medical school. He became a radiologist because with that you do not need to really use your hands that much. A radiologist studies x-rays and medical tests and helps people get over cancer by deciding if radiation will help a patient. A radiologist makes important decisions, for example, about how much radiation to give. He could have gotten a fake hand instead of a hook later on but I guess he was used to the hook and he could work alright. He made alot of money. I think a radiologist makes even more than some other kind of doctors. But that's not the reason he picked it.

Uncle Chuck was married after the war. At first he didn't even want to go home. He didn't want to show his handycap to his fiancay. He stayed in San Fransisco for awhile. Finally he got up the nirve to call. His fiancay didn't care at all about his handycap. She said, "When are you getting home? We have some marrying to do!" Uncle Chuck says he knows some other people from the war who's girlfriends didn't want to marry them when they got home, even if they weren't hurt. He always said he was lucky Aunt Catherine wasn't like that.

Most people never even notice Uncle Chuck's hook. He had a lot of courage to pick up that grenade. He probably had even more courage to become a doctor. To me, he is a great man.

**Summary:** Although this narrative reveals the significance of an important character, it lacks a clear organizational structure and doesn't include enough details and descriptions to make the person come to life. The writing would be improved by telling the events in the order they happened, by adding more specific details about the character, and by deleting information that is not directly related to the subject's life and character.

This piece might receive a 1 if evaluated according to the holistic method. It might receive a 64 if evaluated according to the analytic scoring method—23 points for Focus/Organization, 22 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 19 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.

*Tells why a particular character is memorable*

*Contains run-on sentences*

*Loses focus on the character by jumping to a subtopic*

*Events are told out of order.*

*Good use of dialogue, but includes irrelevant information.*