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Personal Narrative Writing Rubric

Criteria	4 - Excellent	3 - Good	2 - Fair	1 - Needs Improvement
Introduction	Engaging and clear introduction that grabs attention.	Clear introduction that introduces the story.	Introduction is present but unclear.	No clear introduction or missing information.
Body Paragraph	Well-organized body with detailed events in order.	Organized body with most events in order.	Body is disorganized or events are mixed up.	Body is missing or very unclear.
Conclusion	Strong conclusion that wraps up the story nicely.	Good conclusion that summarizes the story.	Conclusion is weak or unclear.	No conclusion or very confusing.
Sensory Details	Uses many sensory details to create vivid images.	Uses some sensory details to help the reader.	Few sensory details are used.	No sensory details are present.
Dialogue	Includes engaging dialogue that adds to the story.	Includes some dialogue that fits the story.	Little dialogue that is unclear.	No dialogue is present.
Cause and Effect	Clearly shows cause and effect in the narrative.	Shows some cause and effect.	Cause and effect is unclear.	No cause and effect is shown.
Transition Words	Uses a variety of transition words smoothly.	Uses some transition words correctly.	Few transition words are used.	No transition words are present.
Simile or Metaphor	Includes at least one strong simile or metaphor.	Includes a simile or metaphor.	Simile or metaphor is unclear.	No simile or metaphor is present.
Descriptive Verbs	Uses strong, descriptive verbs to enhance writing.	Uses some descriptive verbs.	Few descriptive verbs are used.	No descriptive verbs are present.
Grammar & Mechanics	No errors in grammar, punctuation, capitalization, or spelling.	Few errors that do not distract from the writing.	Several errors that make it hard to read.	Many errors make it very difficult to read.

Total score

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