

Writing Checklist - Grade 7 and 8 - Narrative

Student	Teacher	
		The author focuses on the topic and decides on a purpose for writing.
		The story has a main idea (states a problem or goal).
		The details support the main idea.
		The author writes with a personal style (author's voice).
		The author writes an interesting title.
		The author writes an effective and engaging introduction.
		The author includes a body with a well-developed plot.
		The author writes a conclusion that summarizes, extends or elaborates.
		The author uses sensory details and dialogue to develop plot, characters, and a specific setting.
		The author uses a variety of sentences and vocabulary.
		The author groups related ideas into paragraphs.
		The author writes paragraphs that follow paragraph form and include transitions.
		The author maintains a consistent focus throughout the narrative.
		The author uses parts of speech correctly.
		The author uses correct punctuation and capitalization.
		The author spells words correctly.
		The final product is neatly presented.
		The author follows the writing process (prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, publishing).
		out of 18 possible

In order to improve my writing I will _____

I will (what, who, when):

1. _____

2. _____