

New Mexico and MY Access!® Alignment Language Arts Narrative Grade 6-8

New Mexico Narrative	MY Access! Narrative
Development and Content	Content Development/Elaboration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents a narrative that develops real or imagined experiences or events that consistently address the task. • Uses consistently effective and varied narrative techniques such as dialogue, pacing, and description to develop experiences, events, and/or characters. • Substantially develops the narrative using consistently relevant descriptive details. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expertly develops real or imagined experiences. Creates a vivid picture for readers by using a variety of narrative techniques and descriptive details.
Organization and Focus	Purpose and Focus/Organization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engages and effectively orients the reader by clearly establishing a context and point of view and clearly introducing a narrator and/or character(s). • Establishes and consistently maintains an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically. • Provides a conclusion that clearly follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events. • Consistently demonstrates effective use of a wide variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates an insightful, in-depth understanding of the task, purpose, and audience. • Expertly establishes a context and point of view. • Thoroughly engages readers by constructing a detailed narrative that focuses on one or several themes and/or central ideas. • Completes all parts of the task and may go beyond the limits of the task. • Demonstrates a cohesive and unified structure by seamlessly connecting the events in a specific sequence, leading to a resolution or conclusion. • Uses transitional strategies that clarify relationships between elements in the narrative. • Creates well-constructed paragraphs and/or uses formatting very effectively.
Language	Language Use, Voice, and Style
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistently uses precise words and phrases, vivid descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events. • Includes language choices that establish and consistently maintain a style and tone appropriate to the task. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a very effective style and tone, precise control of language, and an exceptional awareness of audience. • Integrates vivid words and sensory and figurative language that clearly advances the purpose of the narrative. • Uses well-structured and varied sentences.
Grammar Usage and Mechanics	Mechanics and Grammar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates general command of standard English grammar and usage. • Demonstrates general command of standard English conventions relative to the length and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains few or no errors in grammar, mechanics, punctuation, and spelling.



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<p>complexity of the text.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May have minor or infrequent errors that do not interfere with meaning or confuse the reader.	
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