Sample Personal Narrative Rubric

Unit Objective	1 - Needs work Developing	2 - Getting Close	3 - Meets	4 - Exceeds
Story Beginning	Story beginning does not have any action/sound words. Story beginning does not match with the story.	Story beginning has some action/sound words, but they do not match with the story or grab the reader.	Story beginning has action or sound words to grab the reader.	Story beginning has creative action or sounds words that grab the reader and set up the story.
Sensory Details & Descriptions	Writer uses very little or no sensory, descriptive language.	Writer uses sensory descriptive language, but it may not fit the sentence, paragraph, or could be more clear.	Writer uses sensory descriptive language in some parts of the story, but could have built out in other parts.	Writer uses sensory descriptive language throughout entire story to make it more vivid.
Story Ending	Ending is missing.	The ending doesn't match or doesn't work with the story.	The ending wraps up the story. The ending leaves the reader with something to think about.	The ending creatively wraps up the story and is well thought out. The ending is memorable.