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Suspense Narrative Rubric

Category	Expert	Practitioner	Apprentice	Novice
Narrative Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All of Practitioner <i>PLUS</i> additional creative compositional risks, including more than five compositional risks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Focuses on a specific event or experience <input type="checkbox"/> Contains specific details and descriptions about people, places, and events <input type="checkbox"/> Presents an engaging and vivid picture of the action and people involved <input type="checkbox"/> Includes all of the plot elements <input type="checkbox"/> Characters and setting are well developed <input type="checkbox"/> Uses effective narration AND dialogue <input type="checkbox"/> Very suspenseful <input type="checkbox"/> Includes more than 2 compositional risks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Focuses on a specific event or experience <input type="checkbox"/> Contains general details and description about people, places, and events <input type="checkbox"/> Presents a picture of the action and people involved <input type="checkbox"/> Includes some of the plot elements <input type="checkbox"/> Characters and/or setting are somewhat developed <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some narration and dialogue (one or both ineffectively) <input type="checkbox"/> Contains some suspense <input type="checkbox"/> Includes fewer than 2 compositional risks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Focuses on a specific event or experience <input type="checkbox"/> Contains general details and descriptions about people, places, and events <input type="checkbox"/> Missing several plot elements <input type="checkbox"/> Characters and/or setting lack thorough development <input type="checkbox"/> Off topic in some parts of the story <input type="checkbox"/> Includes little to no suspense <input type="checkbox"/> Includes no compositional risks
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All of Practitioner <i>PLUS</i> put together a Photo Story using pictures/images <u>only</u> to present your story in chronological order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Presents ideas in an engaging and organized/chronological order <input type="checkbox"/> Uses several creative transitions to link sentences and paragraphs <input type="checkbox"/> Has a clear beginning with a catchy lead, middle, and end <input type="checkbox"/> Flows naturally and smoothly from one idea to the next <input type="checkbox"/> End of piece smoothly transitions from story to a reflection about the experience (resolution) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Presents ideas in an organized/chronological order <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some transitions to link sentences and paragraphs <input type="checkbox"/> Has a clear beginning, middle, and end (lead isn't catchy) <input type="checkbox"/> Flows from one idea to the next <input type="checkbox"/> Attempts to end with the writer's feelings or thoughts about the experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attempts to present ideas in an organized order <input type="checkbox"/> Uses few transitions to link sentences and paragraphs <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning, middle, and end of paper are hard to identify <input type="checkbox"/> Choppy and abrupt starts and stops between ideas <input type="checkbox"/> Ends abruptly with the writer's feelings or thoughts about the experience
Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All of Practitioner <i>PLUS</i> theme of the story is very apparent and a lesson or conflict has been resolved clearly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Captures the reader's interest <input type="checkbox"/> Contains vivid vocabulary especially in setting and characterization <input type="checkbox"/> Dialogue is used with proper punctuation and formatting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attempt to capture the reader's interest <input type="checkbox"/> Some descriptive elements <input type="checkbox"/> Some dialogue is used with some punctuation/formatting errors, but do not interfere with the readability of the story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Writer seems uninterested in topic <input type="checkbox"/> Few descriptive elements <input type="checkbox"/> Most dialogue is used with punctuation/formatting errors, and interfere with the readability of the story
G.U.M.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All of Practitioner <i>PLUS</i> completely error-free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Few spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors <input type="checkbox"/> Word usage is appropriate for the intended audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors are prevalent but don't interfere with overall readability <input type="checkbox"/> Word usage is appropriate for the intended audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors interfere with overall readability <input type="checkbox"/> Word usage is less than appropriate for the intended audience