

## High School: Fictional Narrative – “Joey and Jeremy”

**Topic:** Write an imaginative story that incorporates one of the following ideas in some way: “The Passport,” “The Hole in the Wall,” or “The Play Station.”

### SCORES AND COMMENTARY

Phrases in bold are taken from the *Official Writing Scoring Guide*. Phrases in italics are taken directly from the student writing.

**Ideas/Content 3**  
**Organization 4**  
**Voice 4**

**Word Choice 4**  
**Sentence Fluency 4**  
**Conventions 4**

#### Ideas and Content:

This paper scores a 3 in Ideas and Content. **Ideas are overly broad and simplistic. Support is attempted, but developmental details are often limited. Some details are not well grounded.** *Then in the summer they each got five dollars for pulling weeds..., The boys put there money together so they could get a better game or even two or three games....[contradiction], ... but the game had a price tag of ten dollars..., The guy at the front counter sold the boys the game three dollars.*

- This paper is not a 4 in Ideas and Content because the writing does not include supporting details that are relevant.
- This paper is not a 2 in Ideas and Content because the purpose and main idea do not require extensive inferences by the reader.

#### Organization

This paper scores a 4 in Organization. **Order and structure are present, but seem formulaic.** The author tells the story in the order the events occurred. **There is a developed beginning and ending although they are not be particularly inviting,** *Joey and Jeremy are twin brothers..., For Christmas the boys got a Play Station for there “Joint” gift.*

- This paper is not a 5 in Organization because the story does not have an inviting beginning that draws the reader in or a satisfying sense of resolution or closure. The transitional phrases from one paragraph to another are repetitive.
- This paper is not a 3 in Organization because the overall structure of the story is not inconsistent or skeletal. The author has provided a developed beginning and ending to the story.

#### Voice

This paper scores a 4 in Voice. **The writer seems committed to the topic and there is sincerity behind the writing. The reader can glimpse the writer behind the words and feel a sense of interaction in places.** *The boys started looking at the games right away so they would have time to look at a lot of the games.*

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- This paper is not a 5 in Voice because it lacks a strong sense of the audience. The writing is not expressive or engaging.
- This paper is not a 3 in Voice because the writer’s commitment to the topic is consistent. The writer also demonstrates an awareness of the reader.

### Word Choice

This paper scores a 4 in Word Choice. **The writer employs words that are functional and appropriate, but do not particularly energize the writing.** *The games the boys got with it were NFL gameday and Mortal Kombat (which was there favorite game. When the boys walked into the game store they were shocked by how many people were there, and how many Play Station games they had to choose from.*

- This paper is not a 5 in Word Choice because it doesn't employ a broad range of words which have been carefully chosen and thoughtfully placed for impact.
- This paper is not a 3 because the author uses a variety of words to tell the intended story.

### Sentence Fluency

This paper scores a 4 in Sentence Fluency. **The writing flows, although connections between phrases or sentences are less than fluid at times. The writing is characterized by a natural sound; the reader can move easily through the paper, although it lacks a certain rhythm and grace,** “The boys put there money together so they could get a better game or even two or three games.”

- This paper is not a 5 in Sentence Fluency because the writer does not demonstrate the ability to carefully craft sentences that reflect strong and varied structures.
- This paper is not a 3 in Sentence Fluency because there are no awkward constructions that force the reader to slow down or reread passages in this story.

### Conventions

This paper scores a 4 in Conventions. **The writing demonstrates control of standard writing conventions. Significant errors do not occur frequently. Minor errors, while perhaps noticeable, do not impede readability.** For example, *They asked there parents if they could ride there bikes to the game store down the street, that had opened 3 weeks ago.*

- This paper is not a 5 in Conventions because it does not demonstrate control over a wide range of conventions.
- This paper is not a 3 in Conventions because there is more than a limited control of basic conventions.