Narrative Writing Assessment Rubric

Student name:

	Not yet - 0 points	Fair - 1 point	Good - 2 points	Great - 3 points
Characters	Characters aren't clearly defined.	Some characters are clearly defined and described but others are missing detail.	Most characters are well-defined and described. Some characters add interest and value to the story.	All characters are well-defined and described, and all add great value to the story. There are clear connections between the characters and the essential elements of the plot (soil and food chains).
Storyline	The storyline is missing connections to food chains in soil ecosystems.	The storyline has some connections to food chains in soil ecosystems.	The storyline has good connections to food chains in soil ecosystems.	The storyline has great connections to food chains in soil ecosystems and attempts to address the flow of energy within soil ecosystems.
Word choice	Word choice could be more interesting or engaging.	Some interesting or engaging words are used.	Many interesting or engaging words are used to hold the reader's attention and to set the scene of the story.	A great selection of exciting and engaging words are used to describe characters, settings and plot features. The reader is engaged in the story throughout.
Spelling and grammar	Many spelling or grammatical errors.	Some spelling or grammatical errors.	Few spelling or grammatical errors.	Almost no spelling or grammatical errors.

Other notes:

