Ellis Island Narrative Rubric

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| *Requirement:* | ***1***  *Below the standard* | ***2***  *Approaching the Standard* | ***3***  *Meets the Standard* | ***4***  *Exceeds the Standard* | ***Total Score*** |
| **Organization structure** | Essay is poorly organized and difficult to follow | Structure was attempted but lacks smooth transitions and paragraphs are not indented | Organizing structure allows the paper to flow naturally | Paper is well organized and includes a clearly constructed introduction and conclusion. |  |
| **Ideas** | The ideas are confusing and many details are repeated | The paper is generally on topic, but the details are vague | The paper is on topic and has details | The paper is crystal clear and well thought-out. It uses imagery and figurative language |  |
| **Word Choice** | The wording is awkward and repeats itself. Simple words are used repeatedly | Some descriptive words are used, but not consistently | Words are appropriate to the setting and figurative language is used although not often | Vivid and descriptive words are used as well as figurative language. Words are used correctly |  |
| **Conventions** | The paper clearly hasn’t been edited | The paper has noticeable capitalization, punctuation, and spelling errors | The paper has some minor errors in capitalization, spelling, and punctuation, but it does not distract from the narrative | The paper is close to flawless with only 3-4 errors in capitalization, spelling,  and punctuation. |  |