**Assessment Rubric**: Narratives

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| Name: | A Thing of Beauty | Date: |  |

Rate your narrative from 1 (incomplete) to 6 (amazing) for each trait below. Add the scores together and divide by the number of traits (6) to find your overall score.

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| 4 | **STIMULATING IDEAS** |
|  | ***The narrative . . .***   * focuses on an important experience in your life. * uses sensory details, dialogue, and action to help the reader experience the event. |
| 4 | **LOGICAL ORGANIZATION** |
|  | ***The narrative . . .***   * catches the reader’s attention at the beginning and introduces the experience—*who, what, where, when?* * describes what happened chronologically. * ends by reflecting on the meaning of the experience. |
| 5 | **ENGAGING VOICE** |
|  | ***The narrative . . .***   * uses a first-person voice. * has a storytelling voice that connects to the reader. |
| 4 | **ORIGINAL WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The narrative . . .***   * uses action verbs and precise nouns. * uses descriptive modifiers. |
| 4 | **EFFECTIVE SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The narrative . . .***   * varies sentence types, lengths, and beginnings. * reads smoothly from sentence to sentence. |
| 4 | **CORRECT, ACCURATE COPY** |
|  | ***The narrative . . .***   * has correct punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, and spelling. |

The engaging voice of this college-entrance essay answers the prompt in a humorous way. You are taking a risk that should work, knowing that readers who must go through thousands of essays would appreciate something different.