Narrative Revising Checklist

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Use the following checklist as a guide when you revise your narrative. Add, cut, rewrite, and rearrange information until all of the traits are working effectively.

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| **Do I express a strong IDEA?** | |
|  | Do I focus on one important experience? |
|  | Do I include specific actions and believable dialogue? |
|  | Do I use sensory details in my descriptions? |
| **Do I use clear ORGANIZATION?** | |
|  | Does my beginning pull readers into the narrative? |
|  | Are actions presented in the proper order? |
|  | Does the ending work well? |
| **Do I use my natural VOICE?** | |
|  | Does my personality come through in my story? |
| **Do I choose the best WORDS?** | |
|  | Do I use specific nouns and active verbs? |
|  | Have I cut things that don’t need to be there? |
| **Do I create smooth-flowing SENTENCES?** | |
|  | Do I have a variety of sentence lengths and beginnings? |
|  | Do my sentences read smoothly? |