7.1.4s

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Final Grade: _____

Sample for Students & Teacher to Discuss / Review Grading Method

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The darker outlined boxes show how this student's grade was calculated.
His total score is 78 because he didn't turn in the rough draft. He would have had a 98!
He knows his strengths as a writer, and he knows what to work more on next time.
With this rubric, you'll always know how your narratives will be graded and what you need to focus on.