RETELLING RUBRIC

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Objective	Beginning 1	Developing 2	Mastery 3	Exemplary 4	Score
Uses complete sentences in retelling the passage	Uses incomplete sentences	Uses complete and incomplete sentences – not all sentences are cogent	Uses complete sentences with simple structure	Uses complete sentences with varied structures	
Captures the salient idea of each event	Does not recall all salient ideas or inaccurately expresses two or more ideas	Expresses one salient idea incompletely or inaccurately	Accurately captures the salient idea of each event but is overly verbose or not specific enough	Accurately and succinctly captures the salient idea of each event	
Sequences events cohesively	Does not include all events or does not state all events in correct order	States events in order but without any transitions	Sequences events using traditional transition words (e.g., first, then, next, finally)	Sequences events using adverbs (e.g., then, next, therefore, that's why) and conjunctions (e.g., so, if, because)	
Incorporates vocabulary from the passage	Does not incorporate any vocabulary words from the passage	Incorporates vocabulary words exactly as used in the passage	Uses appropriate synonyms for vocabulary words from the passage	Uses vocabulary words from the passage in novel ways	
Retells the passage with prosody	Does not complete the retelling of the passage and may say "I can't remember" or "I forget"	Restates, pauses, or self- corrects while retelling the passage and may overuse "um"	Retells the passage haltingly but persistently	Retells the passage with ease, confidence, and expression	