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**Narrative**

**Grade 5**

**Range of Writing**

**Orients the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator**

Frustration

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**Uses narrative techniques to develop events** and **show the responses of characters to situations**

**Uses concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely**

**Uses a variety of transitional words, phrases, and clauses to manage the sequence of events**

**Provides a conclusion that follows from the narrated events**

In this fifth-grade historical narrative, written as part of a unit on the American Revolution, the writer focuses on one event, the writing of the Declaration of Independence. The first three sentences effectively give a sense of the time period and provide historical context using well-chosen details (the fountain pen, the Declaration, and King George). Even in this very brief piece, transitions are needed to manage the sequence of events. Transitional words and phrases *(“Now”, “After waiting for what seems like an hour”)* allow the event to unfold naturally. The writer uses both dialogue and description to show Jefferson’s frustration and to bring the piece to a satisfying conclusion.

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