Grade 8 Literacy Greenway Creativity	Exceeds Standards 4	Meets Standards 3	Almost Meets Standards 2	Does Not Meet Standards 1
	Exceeds Standards	Meets Standards	Almost Meets Standards	Does Not Meet Standards
	Writing is extremely creative. Ideas and style are refreshing and imaginative. Talented writing.	Writing is somewhat creative. Some new and imaginative ideas. Good writing.	Writing contains a few creative ideas but style is mostly uninspired.	Writing contains many basic ideas and an uninspired style.
Spelling and Grammar	Exceeds Standards	Meets Standards	Almost Meets Standards	Does Not Meet Standards
	Proper use of spelling and grammar is employed consistently throughout the writing assignment.	There are a few spelling and grammar errors, however it does not take away from the overall quality of the writing assignment.	Poor spelling and grammar muddle the overall effectiveness of this piece.	There are many spelling and grammar errors that it is difficult to comprehend the meaning.
Word Choice	Exceeds Standards	Meets Standards	Almost Meets Standards	Does Not Meet Standards
	Strong, vivid words and descriptions throughout. Words are above average, and used appropriately throughout the work.	Strong words and descriptions throughout. Many words are above average and used appropriately throughout the work.	Some strong words and descriptions. Some above average word choice. However, many words are used inappropriately.	Poor word choice and descriptions throughout. Elementary word choices and many words misused.
Fluidity	Exceeds Standards	Meets Standards	Almost Meets Standards	Does Not Meet Standards
	There is a strong rhythm and flow of language. Sentence structure is varied through out piece.	There is a rhythm and flow of language. Sentence structure is often varied.	An obvious attempt to create a rhythm and flow. Sentence structure not varied.	No attempt to create a rhythm. Sentence structure not varied.
Organization and Development	Exceeds Standards	Meets Standards	Almost Meets Standards	Does Not Meet Standards
	Excellent idea creativity. Organization and use of supporting details evident in the work.	Good idea creativity. Organization and use of supporting details evident in the work.	Some idea creativity. Attempted organization and use of some supporting details evident in the work.	No creativity, poor organization and no attempt to supply supporting details.

