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Historical Narrative Writing Assignment & Rubric

Task: Compose a 1-2 page letter back to England, written by one of the Saints or Strangers aboard the *Mayflower*. In your letter, make sure to emphasize the reasons you, and/or your family have chosen to immigrate to North America. Also, make sure to discuss some of your fears and hopes for your new life.

Note: Want to make this letter amazing? Research the voyage of the *Mayflower*, and add details from the time the Saints and Strangers spent at sea.

Use the following rubric to guide you as you write your letter.

	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
Historical Content	Contains significant, relevant, accurate, and descriptive historical details	Contains moderately relevant and accurate historical details	Contains some historical content and/or contains significant errors and historical inaccuracies	Contains no historical content or only erroneous historical content
Narrative Writing	Outstanding narrative that develops the imagined experience of immigrating to North America with well-chosen details and well-structured events	Moderately effective narrative that develops the imagined experience of immigrating to North America with details and events	Narrative that partially develops the imagined experience of immigrating to North America with a few details and events	Not a narrative and does not provide details and events
Narrative Techniques	Contains no grammatical mistakes unless used for effect. Writing is fluid with vivid diction on grade level	Contains few grammatical mistakes not used for effect. Writing is fluid with diction on grade level	Contains some grammatical mistakes not used for effect. Writing is somewhat fluid with partially apparent diction	Contains many grammatical mistakes not used for effect. Does not use grade-level diction or fluency

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