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| COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS WRITING LADDER |
|  | **5 Exceptional** | **4 Skilled** | **3 Proficient** | **2 Developing** | **1 Inadequate** |
| Organization and Cohesion: The text follows a logical sequence of events. | The text demonstrates **mastery** of organization through a **seamlessly cohesive** progression of experiences or events using multiple techniques | The text demonstrates an **understanding** of organization through a **smooth** progression ofexperiences or events using a variety of techniques | The text demonstrates a **basic understanding** of organization through a **logical** progression of experiences or events using some techniques | The text demonstrates an **underdeveloped** understanding of organization through an incomplete **sequence** of writing  | The text **lacks organization and does not present a sequence** or progression of experiences or events  |
| Styleand Word Choice  | The text demonstrates a **mastery** of word choice with **eloquent** words and phrases, showingdetails to conveya realistic picture of the experiences and events.  | The text demonstrates an **understanding** of word choice with **precise** words and phrases, showing details to convey a realistic picture of the experiences and events  | The text demonstrates a **basic understanding** of word choice with **minimal** details to convey experiences and events  | The text demonstrates a **poor understanding** of word choice with few details  | The text demonstrates **no understanding** of word choice with no details.  |