Fluency Rubric

Name

- 1) Fill in the empty cells to complete the rubric with your class.
- 2) Rehearse a poem, passage, or script focusing on the fluency descriptors in the rubric.
- 3) Perform! Ask a peer to rate your fluency. Remember, the more you practice, the better you get.

	1 Needs Practice	3 Pretty Good	5 Awesome!	Rating
Volume	What? I can't hear you.			
Expression	Do I hear a robot?		What?? Are you a professional actor?	
Speed			Pace sounds natural.	
Smoothness		A little choppy.		

(BLANK VERSION)

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Reading Fluency: Apple Picking

Fluency means being able to read a text quickly, accurately, and with expression. A fluent reader is better able to understand the text. Rereading and reading aloud is a good strategy for becoming a more fluent reader.

To practice reading fluently:

- Set a timer for one minute.
- Read the passage as quickly and accurately as possible.
- Mark the last word read when the timer goes off.
- Record the words *per minute* read in the chart at the bottom.

Word Count: 100

This weekend, I went apple picking with my family. My favorite fall	12
activity is apple picking. It is the perfect time to get apples. The apple	26
trees blossom in the spring. It is time to pick the apples off the trees	41
in the fall.	44
We got to the orchard, and the farmer gave me a basket. My family	58
and I walked through the rows of apple trees.	67
I learned that apple trees came from Asia. There are many different	79
types of apples. You can eat the fresh fruit. You can also use the fruit for	95
cooking, baking, or making juice.	100

	1st Read	2nd Read	3rd Read
Words Per Minute			



Reading Fluency: Autumn

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Word Count: 100

Autumn is one of the four seasons. It comes after summer and
before winter. Autumn is also called fall. The days are shorter. There is
less sunlight. Farmers harvest their crops at this time.

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The weather gets cooler in autumn. The leaves on the trees change from degreen to orange, red, brown, and yellow. At the end of autumn, the leaves fall off the trees.

In autumn, many animals prepare for winter. They gather food to store in their nests and dens. Animals grow warmer coats to prepare for the winter's cold weather.

Halloween and Thanksgiving are holidays in autumn. 100

	1st Read	2nd Read	3rd Read
Words Per Minute			



Reading Fluency: Airplanes

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Word Count: 100

You have probably seen things flying in the sky. People 10 saw birds flying in the air and wanted to do that. Humans made airplanes. 24

An airplane is able to fly through the air because it has an engine. The
engine and wings help the plane stay in the air. A pilot controls it. A

plane stays in the air even though there is gravity, the force that keeps us
on Earth.

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Airplanes have many uses. Airplanes bring people from one place to
another. The military uses airplanes to deliver people and goods. It

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uses airplanes to watch and protect people.
100

	Words Per Minute
1st Read	
2nd Read	
3rd Read	



Reading Fluency: Football

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Word Count: 100

Football is a sport played in America. It is a very popular sport. Two	14
teams play against each other. The goal is to score the most points.	27
There are eleven players on the field for each team. Each player has a	41
position to play. Players try to score a touchdown to earn points in	54
the game.	56
A football field is 100 yards long. The field has goal posts. It has lines	71
that measure the yards on the field.	78
Football players wear pads, helmets, and uniforms. Players throw, run,	88
jump, and tackle in a game. The pads and helmets provide protection.	100

	1st Read	2nd Read	3rd Read
Words Per Minute			

