Year 7, English, Writing Grade C

Mixed Narrative
Students have written a number of narratives focusing on establishing setting, introducing and developing characters, and developing and resolving the plot. This narrative was written in 40 minutes under test conditions.

Grade Commentary
In this exemplar, the student:
• demonstrates an understanding of narrative structure with excellent orientation, good complication, resolution and reflection.
• enhances setting and characterisation through effective storytelling.
• demonstrates good control over language.
• engages the reader with use of descriptive phrases and figurative language.
• controls most simple and compound sentences.
• structures dependent clauses to vary the pace and description of the narrative.
• uses connectives and conjunctions adequately to add cohesion to writing.
• uses adjectives well to add detail or convey mood.
• provides some evidence of self correction.
The Unfinished Mystery

Midnight. You could hear the twelve dongs of the town’s church bells ringing throughout the countryside. Somewhere in a deserted street, a black hooded figure paced slowly towards a young lady, she saw the glint of a knife come out of the long black cloak then darkness.

Echoing screams ran through the village as the postman who delivered his post early at dawn found a dead body, lying in front of number 3 Barton Street. With shock and horror at the sight he was seeing the postman stumbled to the ground and fainted. But before long a huge crowd of people were surrounding the postman and the dead body. One of those people in the crowd was fortunately
Detective James Montgomery the greatest detective in Wales. He leant over the dead body and what he saw was a young woman named Danielle Tremills. She 19 stabs to the chest and blood was spilt everywhere. As far as James knew Danielle was a seller at the local market and was thoroughly disliked on account that she was extremely rude in way she served customers by chucking their shopping ‘willy-nilly’ so that it got damaged or squashed. But he did not know why someone would want to murder such a beautiful, smart, long orange haired girl. He looked at the body once more and thought ‘What a mess!’

Interviews had been carried out over the last few days and all that Detective
Montgomery had found out was that Danielle Tremills, aged 23, had been murdered at exactly midnight and that at 4.37am the local postman Scott Rivers had found the body then fainted, of course he had interviews with Danielle's boss Trever McTodde as he said that no one he knew would want to kill her. He also talked to Danielle's only living relative...her great Aunt Gertrude Tremills, she lived in a little honey-suckle covered cottage with a mulberry tree at the front though since she was deaf and blind she was no help. Everyone in the town was interviewed but still not even a little hint of who might of murdered Danielle Tremills so Detective James Montgomery gave up with an air of sorrowness, and ever since...
the murder had occurred in 1873 on the 22nd of November nobody has ever
found out who the evil murderer was or have they ever tried to reopen the
case and find out.