

Paragraph - Main idea / Topic sentence	Main/Topic idea sentence is clear, correctly placed, and is restated in the closing sentence. <i>3 points</i>	Main/Topic idea sentence is fairly clear, correctly placed, and is restated in the closing sentence. <i>2 points</i>	Main/Topic idea sentence is unclear and/or incorrectly placed, and might not be restated in the closing sentence. <i>1 points</i>	Does not have a meaningful topic sentence <i>0 points</i>
Paragraph - Supporting detail	Paragraph(s) have three or more supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea. <i>3 points</i>	Paragraph(s) have two or three supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea. <i>2 points</i>	Paragraph(s) have one or two supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea. <i>1 points</i>	Does not provide supporting detail <i>0 points</i>
Paragraph - Elaborating detail	Each supporting detail sentence has two or more elaborating detail sentences. <i>3 points</i>	Each supporting detail sentence has at least two elaborating detail sentences. <i>2 points</i>	Each supporting detail sentence has one elaborating detail sentence. <i>1 points</i>	Does not provide elaborating detail <i>0 points</i>
Paragraph - Mechanics and Grammar	Paragraph has no errors in punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. <i>3 points</i>	Paragraph has one or two punctuation, capitalization, and spelling errors. <i>2 points</i>	Paragraph has three to five punctuation, capitalization, and spelling errors. <i>1 points</i>	Mechanics and grammar is unacceptable. <i>0 points</i>