

Paragraph Writing Rubric

	Criteria				Points
	4	3	2	1	
Main/topic idea sentence	Main/Topic idea sentence is clear, correctly placed, and is restated in the closing sentence.	Main/Topic idea sentence is either unclear or incorrectly placed, and is restated in the closing sentence.	Main/Topic idea sentence is unclear and incorrectly placed, and is restated in the closing sentence.	Main/Topic idea sentence is unclear and incorrectly placed, and is not restated in the closing sentence.	
Supporting Detail Sentence (s)	Paragraph(s) have three or more supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea.	Paragraph(s) have two supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea.	Paragraph(s) have one supporting detail sentence that relate back to the main idea.	Paragraph(s) have no supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea.	
Elaborating Detail Sentence (s)	Each Supporting detail sentence has three or more elaborating detail sentences.	Each Supporting detail sentence has at least two elaborating detail sentences.	Each Supporting detail sentence has one elaborating detail sentence.	Each Supporting detail sentence has no elaborating detail sentence.	
Legibility	Legible handwriting, typing or printing.	Marginally Legible handwriting, typing or printing.	Writing is not legible in places.	Writing is not legible.	
Mechanics and Grammar	Paragraph has no errors in punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	Paragraph has one or two punctuation, capitalization and spelling errors.	Paragraph has three to five punctuation, capitalization and spelling errors.	Paragraph has six or more punctuation, capitalization and spelling errors.	
				Total	