

Paragraph Writing Rubric

	5	4	3	2	Points
Main Idea/Topic 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 Sentences	Paragraph has three or more supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea.	Paragraph has two supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea.	Paragraph has one supporting detail sentence that relates back to the main idea.	Paragraph has no supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea.	
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, or spelling.	Paragraph has one or two punctuation, capitalization, or spelling errors.	Paragraph has three to five punctuation, capitalization, or spelling errors.	Paragraph has six or more punctuation, capitalization, or spelling errors.	
Total					