

Grade Seven Paragraph Rubric

4 Points

- Topic sentence clearly states main idea of paragraph
- Main idea is fully developed with **4** supporting details
- Each supporting detail relates to the topic sentence
- Indented, complete sentences, excellent spelling, punctuation, & capitalization
- Paragraph uses rich vocabulary
- Strong concluding sentence

3 Points

- Topic sentence states the main idea of the paragraph.
- Main idea is developed with **3** supporting details
- Each supporting detail relates to the topic sentence
- Indented, complete sentences & any spelling punctuation, or capitalization errors do not interfere with the reader's comprehension
- Paragraph has a concluding sentence

2 Points

- A topic sentence is present, but may not quite state a main idea
- Main idea lacks development and has only **2** supporting details
- One or two sentences may not relate to topic sentence
- Problems with indentation, complete sentences, spelling, punctuation, or capitalization may begin to interfere with reader's comprehension
- Concluding sentence is weak

1 Point

- Paragraph has no clear topic sentence
- Main idea may only have **1** supporting detail
- Lacks unity and does not stick to one topic
- Problems with indentation, complete sentences, spelling, punctuation or capitalization interfere with reader's comprehension
- Concluding sentence is missing