

Paragraphs (Grades 4-5)

Name _____ Assignment _____

Directions: Match the student's work to the description which best matches.

6

Sticks to only one topic, and explains the topic very well.
Includes many clear and correct details which explain the topic.
Has clear statement of main idea in a correct first sentence.
Uses sound organization and good transitions to connect ideas.
All sentences clear and correct.
Has one minor error of mechanics and usage; vocabulary clear and correct.

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Sticks to only one topic, and explains the topic well.
Includes clear and correct details which explain the topic fairly well.
Has clear statement of main idea in a correct first sentence.
Uses good organization; missing only one or two needed transitions.
Only one unclear and/or incorrect sentence.
Has two errors of mechanics, usage, or vocabulary.

4

Does not quite stick to one topic, and/or does not explain the topic well.
One or two unclear or incorrect details; topic not clarified well by details.
Has a fuzzy statement of main idea in a correct first sentence.
Organization apparent and/or key transitions lacking.
Two sentences unclear and/or incorrect.
Has three errors of mechanics, usage, or vocabulary.

3

Drifts off the topic, and/or does not explain the topic well.
Several details unclear and/or incorrect; topic not clarified with details.
Has an unclear statement of main idea in a correct first sentence.
Organization not very apparent.
Three sentences unclear and/or incorrect.
Has four errors of mechanics, usage, or vocabulary.

2

Topic only vaguely suggested.
Only one or two details clear and develop topic.
Lacks a clear statement of main idea in correct first sentence.
No organizational pattern apparent.
Many sentences unclear and/or incorrect.
Has many errors of mechanics and usage; vocabulary unclear.

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No clear single topic.
No details to develop topic.
Lacks a clear statement of main idea.
No organization apparent.
Almost all sentences unclear and/or incorrect.
Has many errors of mechanics and usage; vocabulary unclear.

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