

Paragraph Response Rubric

| | 4 - Proficient | 3 - Intermediate | 2 - Basic | 1 - Beginner |
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| Introduction (4 pts) _____ | The sentence is complete, and clearly states the main idea. | The sentence is complete, and somewhat states the main idea. | The sentence is complete, but does not state the main idea. | The sentence is incomplete, and does not state the main idea. |
| Big Ideas (4 pts) _____ | All big idea sentences are complete, and directly support the main idea. Transition words are present in all big idea sentences. | All big idea sentences are complete, and indirectly support the main idea. Transition words are present in most big idea sentences. | Big idea sentences are complete, but do not support the main idea. Transition words are not present. | Big idea sentences are incomplete. |
| Supporting Details (4 pts) _____ | At least one supporting detail is present for each big idea. Supporting details directly relate to topic. | Supporting details are present for most big ideas. Supporting details indirectly relate to topic. | Supporting details are present for some big ideas. Supporting details are not specific or vague. | Supporting details are not present. |
| Conclusion (4 pts) _____ | The sentence is complete, and rephrases the introductory sentence. Sentence begins with a clear conclusion signal word. | The sentence is complete, but repeats the introductory sentence without rewording. Sentence does not begin with a clear conclusion signal word. | The sentence is complete, but does not refer to the introductory sentence. | The sentence is incomplete, and does not connect to the introductory sentence. |
| Topic (4 pts) _____ | The paragraph includes key words from the writing prompt. | The paragraph indirectly refers to key words from the writing prompt, but does not directly state them. | The paragraph is somewhat related to the writing prompt. | The paragraph is off-topic and not related to the writing prompt. |

Score: _____