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Paragraph Rubric

Paragraph Content

Exemplary 4	Accomplished 3	Developed 2	Beginning 1
Shows a **full** understanding of the topic: Clear, strong introductory sentence Body of paragraph consists of three strong pieces of information that is connected to the topic Transitions from one point to another are smooth Conclusion sentence clearly restates paragraph topic and bring response together	Shows **good** understanding of the topic: Good introductory sentence Body of paragraph consists of three good pieces of information that is connected to the topic Transitions are mostly smooth from one point to another Conclusion sentence is evident and easy to understand	Shows an **average** understanding of the topic: Introductory sentence attempted but not very clear Body of paragraph consists of one or two pieces of information that are somewhat connected to the topic Transitions not very clear from one point to another Conclusion is weak	Shows a **weak** understanding of the topic: No introductory sentence Body of paragraph consists of information that is not connected to the topic No transitions evident No conclusion is attempted

Citation and Parenthetical Reference

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Citations 0-2 errors	**Citations** 3-4 errors	**Citations** 5-6 errors	**Citations** 7-8 errors
Parenthetical Reference Connected to topic and strengthens piece of writing Fits seamlessly into piece of writing Proper citation: quotation marks used and includes source and page number	**Parenthetical Reference** Connected to topic but does not necessarily strengthen piece of writing Fits well into piece of writing Proper citation: quotation marks used, source and page number is evident	**Parenthetical Reference** Evident but not necessarily connected to piece of writing Fit not very clearly inserted into piece of writing Citation: quotation not clear, source and/or page not presented	**Parenthetical Reference** Reference attempted but not very clear Does not fit well into piece of writing Citation: information absent