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### Rubric for Paragraphs- The “RuPa”

Category	4	3	2	1
<b>Topic &amp; Organization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing style is on topic.</li> <li>• Transitions are used.</li> <li>• The writing is smooth.</li> <li>• Organization of ideas is effective</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing style is mostly on topic.</li> <li>• Writing flows mostly smoothly.</li> <li>• Organization of ideas is mostly logical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing style has not thoughtfully developed topic</li> <li>• Writing is not smooth.</li> <li>• Few or no transitions.</li> <li>• Organization is not effective</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing style is off topic or extremely unorganized.</li> </ul>
<b>Support &amp; Elaboration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support information relates to and supports the topic.</li> <li>• Elaboration (<i>further explanation</i>) has specific, fully developed details.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support information has minor weaknesses while relating and supporting the topic.</li> <li>• Elaboration has some specific details.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support information has major weaknesses while relating and supporting the topic.</li> <li>• Elaboration has undeveloped details, which may be presented in a list-like way.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An attempt has been made to add support information, but it was unrelated or confusing.</li> <li>• Elaboration has almost no details.</li> </ul>
<b>Conventions</b>	Conventions scale is 1-3 →	Shows <b>EXCELLENT</b> control of grammatical conventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete sentences: no run-on sentences or sentence fragments</li> <li>• Correct punctuation, including quotation punctuation</li> <li>• Capitalization</li> </ul>	Shows <b>REASONABLE</b> control of grammatical conventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete sentences</li> <li>• Correct punctuation</li> <li>• Capitalization</li> </ul>	Shows <b>MINIMAL</b> control of grammatical conventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete sentences</li> <li>• Correct punctuation</li> <li>• Capitalization</li> </ul>

11 pts =100      10pts=94      9pts=88      8pts=82      7pts=76

6pts= 70      5pts= 64      4pts=58      3pts=52

### Revising and editing checklist:

- Did you answer the question in your topic sentence (main idea)?
  - Advanced: Is your topic sentence phrased like a thematic statement?
- Does your background summarize the text or situation from which you used text evidence?
- Does the text evidence you used actually show the idea you’re trying to prove?
  - Double-check this! Make sure you have the best quote for your idea!
- Did you explain the connection between your text evidence and your main idea?
  - Point out what in your evidence connects to your main idea and why.
- Does your conclusion do more than just repeat the main idea?
  - It should also explain the importance or significance the author meant for you to take away from it.
- Did you check for your grammar and mechanics?
  - Quotation marks around quoted text evidence and titles of poems and short stories
  - Underline book/movie titles
  - Capitalized names of people and books
  - Sentences should be able to stand on their own
  - Did you use commas correctly?

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