

Crafting an Effective Writer: Tools of the Trade

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Week 5 Final Paragraph Rubric:

(90) Points Possible

Addresses Assignment:

- 0 points: Paragraph does not address assignment.
- 10 points: Paragraph does address the assignment.

Topic Sentence:

- 0 points: Paragraph does not contain a topic sentence.
- 5 points: The topic sentence is present, but it does not clearly indicate topic and purpose.
- 10 points: The topic sentence is clear and provides topic and purpose.

Organization:

- 0 points: The paragraph sentences do not follow an organizational pattern selected from the reading content of this week.
- 5 points: The paragraph sentences do follow an organizational pattern selected from the reading content of this week.

Unity:

- 0 points: Three or more sentences are unrelated to the topic sentence.
- 3 points: One or two sentences are unrelated to the topic sentence.
- 5 points: All sentences relate to the topic sentence.

Transitions:

- 0 points: Internal paragraph transitions are missing.
- 3 points: Appropriate transitions are used once or twice in the paragraph.
- 5 points: Appropriate transitions appear three (3) or more times in the paragraph.

Specific Details:

- 0 points: The paragraph does not include four or more specific details.
- 5 points: The paragraph includes the minimum of four specific details.
- 10 points: The paragraph includes more than four specific details.

Concluding Sentence:

- 0 points: The concluding sentence is missing.
- 10 point: The concluding provides a logical end or offers a general observation for the paragraph.

Sentence Variety:

- 0 points: Paragraph does not use three sentence types, a verb phrase, or a noun phrase.
- 5 points: Paragraph uses all four sentence types and one verb or noun phrase.
- 10 points: Paragraph uses all four sentence types and at least two (2) verb or noun phrases.

Style:

- 0 points: Three or more sentences would cause a reader to become confused due to word choices and sentence structure.
- 5 points: One or two sentences would cause a reader to become confused due to word choices or sentence structure.
- 10 points: All sentences convey the author's meaning effectively to the reader.

Spelling/Homophones:

- 0 points: More than four spelling or homophone errors occur.
- 2 points: One to three spelling or homophone errors occur.
- 4 points: No spelling or homophone errors occur.

Verb Forms:

- 0 points: More than four verb form, tense, or agreement errors occur.
- 2 points: One to three verb form, tense, or agreement errors occur.
- 4 points: No verb form, tense, or agreement errors occur.

Capitalization:

- 0 points: Two or more capitalization errors occur.
- 2 points: One capitalization error occurs.
- 3 points: No capitalization errors occur.

Punctuation:

- 0 points: More than four punctuation errors occur.
- 2 points: One to three punctuation errors occur.
- 4 points: No punctuation errors occur.