

Rating Scale for Homework Paragraphs

Category	A	B	C	Comments
<u>Topic Sentence</u> Section Grade 2 1 0:	Paragraph contains a clear, specific topic sentence that states what you found interesting and demonstrates original thought	Paragraph contains a clear, specific topic sentence that states what you found interesting but lacks original thought	Paragraph lacks an adequate topic sentence or contains a topic sentence which is too general and lacks original thought.	
<u>Adequate Development</u> Section Grade 2 1 0:	Paragraph is organized, with well-developed sentences with smooth transitions. Responses have a clearly identifiable topical sentence, and is well developed and complete	Paragraph is well organized with well-developed sentences. It might have somewhat weak transitions and/or it might need additional development to be complete	Paragraph contains underdeveloped, weak, or unclear sentences, and weak transitions or it lacks an overall organizational structure and establishes no clear links between sentences.	
<u>Use of Sources</u> Section Grade 2 1 0:	Paragraph uses assigned source material imaginatively and appropriately, contextualizing it effectively and drawing reasonable conclusions from it. Paragraph features properly formatted citations whenever needed	Paragraph demonstrates sufficient use of assigned source material, but could contextualize more effectively. Paragraph features citations whenever appropriate, but citations may be improperly formatted.	Paragraph demonstrates insufficient use of source material and merely summarizes it rather than interprets it. Paragraph includes improper citations.	

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Substantive Content</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 1 0:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paragraph provides ample, well chosen, and factually correct evidence that supports the topic sentence and offers original analysis.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paragraph provides factually correct evidence which supports the topic sentence. It might contain some factual errors.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paragraph shows some understanding of general ideas, but contains many factual errors or misinterpretation of meaning.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 1 0 :</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paragraph has very few or no grammatical, punctuation or spelling errors</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paragraph has several grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paragraph has numerous grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors</p>	

Total Points _____