

Academic Paragraph Rubric

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Thesis	Clearly argues a claim in response to the prompt, using a general explanation of 2 pieces of evidence; organizes paragraph in a thoughtful manner	Reader can understand the claim made in the thesis, it responds to the prompt, although it may lack support of evidence	A claim is made partially in response to the prompt, though support is missing and leaves the paragraph without specific direction	Thesis reads more as a summary, lacking support and claim is vague	No thesis attempted, no claim made
Evidence	Strongly cites three specific pieces of evidence from sources to support a claim; develops a strong analysis of evidence	Cites 2-3 pieces of evidence from sources to support their claim, analysis may be underdeveloped	Uses 2 pieces of evidence to support their claim; analysis may be underdeveloped or lacks clear train of thought	References a source, but does not use for evidence to support their claim	No citation of sources to support their claim
Analysis	Analysis completely explains how evidence supports the claim and is in depth	Analysis starts to explain how evidence supports claim, but does not go in depth	Surface level analysis, does not provide enough information to support claim	Analysis reads like a summary of evidence, little to no support of claim	No evidence of any attempt of analysis
Conclusion	Conclusion coherently wraps up argument, making a general analysis of how the topic relates to the world today or to a larger; does not introduce new claim or distract from original argument	Conclusion supports thesis, though is not as developed as level 4 and does not make a connection to a larger idea or worldly theme; does not introduce new claim or distract from original argument	Attempts a conclusion, though evidence does not adequately reiterate or support claim; does not introduce new claim or distract from original argument	Conclusion is summary of argument lacking any analysis or further development of the main idea; possible new arguments introduced	No Conclusion