

6th Grade 5 Paragraph Essay Rubric

Student Name:

Essay Writer's Name:

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Introduction	Introduces essay topic, main topic 1, main topic 2, main topic 3, and has a closing sentence in this order.	Introduces essay topic and main topics in no particular order.	Introduces essay topic, but main topics are unclear.	The essay topic and main topics are unclear
Body Paragraph 1	Has a clear topic sentence, information is supportive of the topic with details and examples, and ends with a transition sentence.	Has a clear topic sentence, information is supportive but seems scarce, ends with a transition sentence.	Topic of paragraph is clear, information is not supportive and there is no transition.	Paragraph has little, if any, order.
Body Paragraph 2	Has a clear topic sentence, information is supportive of the topic with details and examples, and ends with a transition sentence.	Has a clear topic sentence, information is supportive but seems scarce, ends with a transition sentence.	Topic of paragraph is clear, information is not supportive and there is no transition.	Paragraph has little, if any, order.
Body Paragraph 3	Has a clear topic sentence, and information is supportive of the topic with details and examples, has a closing sentence.	Has a clear topic sentence, and information is supportive but seems scarce.	Topic of paragraph clear, but information is not supportive	Paragraph has little, if any, order.
Conclusion	Restates essay topic and main ideas without being repetitive.	Restates essay topic and main ideas, but is literal and repetitive.	Vaguely restates essay topic and main ideas, is very repetitive.	Does not restate essay topic or main idea.
Spelling	1-2 spelling errors throughout the whole essay.	1-2 spelling errors in each paragraph.	Many spelling errors in each paragraph.	Needs to practice spelling patterns.
Grammar -Complete Sentences -Subject/Verb Agreement -Etc.	1-2 grammar mistakes throughout the whole essay.	1-2 grammar errors in each paragraph.	Many grammatical errors in each paragraph.	Needs to practice sentence mechanics.
Vocabulary (when applicable)	Used 10-15 underlined vocabulary words.	Used 5-10 underlined vocabulary words.	Used 1-5 underlined vocabulary words.	No vocabulary words used at all.