**6th Grade Paragraph Rubric**

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|  | **Advanced**  **4** | **Proficient**  **3** | **Partially Proficient**  **2** | **Unsatisfactory**  **1** |
| **Topic Sentence** | Includes a **unique** topic sentence that enhances the paragraph. | Includes a **clear** topic sentence (ex. O/P; compound sentence; restate prompt) | **Attempts** a topic sentence | **Does not includ**e a topic sentence |
| **Background Information** | Includes **relevant, interesting** background information | Includes **relevant** background information | **Attempts** background information | **Does not include** background information |
| **Main Points** | Contains at least **3** **strong** main point**s** that all relate to the prompt and **support** the topic sentence | Contains at least **3** main points that all relate to the prompt and **connect** to the topic sentence | Contains **2** main points/details that relate to the topic/prompt and connect to the topic sentence | Contains **0-1** main points that relate to the topic/prompt and connect to the topic sentence |
| **Explanations** | Contains **strong explanations/prove its** for each main point that connect both to main point | Contains **at least two explanations/prove its** for each main point that connect to main point | **Missing or irrelevant explanations/prove its** for SOME main points | **Contains FEW/NO relevant explanations/ prove its** |
| **Conclusion Sentence** | Includes **unique** concluding statement giving final thoughts | Includes **clear** concluding sentence | **Attempts** a concluding sentence | **Does not include** a concluding sentence |
| **Mechanics** | Paragraph has **NO** errors in:  -Capitalization  -Commas  -End Punctuation  -Indentation | Paragraph has **FEW** errors in:  -Capitalization  -Commas  -End Punctuation  -Indentation | Paragraph has **SEVERAL** errors in:  -Capitalization  -Commas  -End Punctuation  -Indentation | Paragraph has **EXTENSIVE** errors in:  -Capitalization  -Commas  -End Punctuation  -Indentation |