

6th Grade 5 Paragraph Essay Rubric

Student Name:

Essay Topic:

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Introduction	Introduces essay topic; provides appropriate context; successfully uses hook, bridge, thesis format.	Introduces essay topic and main topics but is disorganized; hook, bridge, thesis may be lacking.	Vaguely introduces essay topic and/or main topics are unclear. Information is not linked to essay topic.	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 highlights main ideas/themes 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 -Punctuation -Etc.	1-2 grammar mistakes throughout the whole essay.	1-2 grammar errors in each paragraph.	Many grammatical errors in each paragraph and distracts from writer's purpose.	Needs to practice sentence mechanics.

