

WRITING RUBRIC 5 PARAGRAPH ESSAY

Page 1 of 1. Five-Paragraph Essay Writing Rubric. Criteria. 4. 3. 2. 1. Points. Introductory. Paragraph. Thesis statement/topic idea sentence is clear, correctly.

Body paragraphs organization Details are placed in a logical order and the way they are presented effectively keeps the interest of the reader. Main idea is clear but the supporting information is general. Main idea is somewhat clear but there is a need for more supporting information. Does not include all the necessary elements of an introductory paragraph. Includes all necessary elements of an introductory paragraph. Essay should be checked for correct spelling and punctuation. Advanced Attempts to successfully include topic sentence, elaboration on reason 2, evidence set-up, evidence, evidence follow-up, wrap-up of reason 2. The writing does not address the intended audience. Average Essay did include a Third Body Paragraph but fails to include evidence and wrap-up of reason 3. Third Body Paragraph 10 pts This paragraph should begin with a transition and include the thesis statements first main point. The introduction clearly states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper, but is not particularly inviting to the reader. Supportive sentences do not always clarify and explain the topic sentence Many details are not in a logical or expected order. Superior Essay included a Second Body Paragraph which stated the thesis statements second point thoroughly and with specific details. Average The purpose is unclear; steps may be presented out of order; the writing lacks transitional words and phrases that show order; the writing does not address the intended audience. Uses complete sentences and consistently indicates paragraphs. Uses complete sentences generally and indicates paragraphs often. Advanced There are some errors in mechanics, usage, grammar, or spelling. There is no clear introduction of the main topic or structure of the paper. Superior There are few or no errors in mechanics, usage, grammar, or spelling. Conclusion 10 pts The last paragraph should be a thorough summary of the points made within the essay. Ideas: 2nd Person 10 pts The overall purpose is clear; the steps are presented in the order in which they are performed; transitional words and phrases that show order are used effectively; the writing is tailored to the audience. The introduction states the main topic, but does not adequately preview the structure of the paper nor is it particularly inviting to the reader. The paper stayed in 2nd person. Introductory Paragraph 10 pts This paragraph introduces the essay's purpose and includes a thorough thesis statement. The points should once again be tied back to the essay purpose. There is a seemingly random collection of information. The writer must be specific and end with a mini-conclusion of topic. It also contains a clearly stated topic sentence hook ; the body fully and clearly explains the steps involved in doing or making something; the conclusion effectively ends the writing with the last step, with the author's perspective on the activity, or with a clincher statement Superior The introduction contains a topic sentence hook ; the body explains the steps involved in doing or making something; the conclusion presents the last step or another logical ending. Superior Essay included a Third Body Paragraph which stated the thesis statements third point thoroughly and with specific details.