Introduction Paragraph Rubric

	Exceeds the Standard (Meets Standards +) 10 -9	Meets the Standard 8----7----6	Needs Improvement 5----4----3	Not Evident 2-----1
Topic sentence Points:	-This topic sentence also has an element of a hook in it, it attracts the reader. -This topic sentence shares an idea that the reader may not have entertained.	-Topic sentence has subject, attitude, limit. -The size of the subject is "just right' for a paragraph. -The attitude (voice) is debatable: opinion, feeling, impression, perception. -It is not a fact. -The limit gives direction; it narrows the subject.	-The topic sentence does not have all its parts. -The attitude In the topic sentence is closer to fact than opinion.	-No topic sentence exists.
Generalizations Points:	-The generalization uses variety in sentence structure. -The attitude reinforces the the topic sentences of the paragraphs	-The generalization is a complete sentence with a subject and attitude. -The subject is a subtopic of the subject of the topic sentence. -Generalizations are ordered and clear.	-The generalization is not a complete sentence. -the subject of the generalization is the same as the one in the topic sentence. -No specific order exists.	-No generalizations exist.
Details Points:	-Details are not common or cliché. -They "fit together" to create a complete picture. -Details evoke emotion in the reader.	-Details are facts, examples, images. -Details contains no attitude. -Details are organized (ex. from least to most important)	-Details have attitude. -Details are not related to each other; they do not "fit together." -No order is evident.	-Details are too few in number to affect the reader. -Details are absent.
Transitions Points:	-There is a variety of transitions used.	-Key words or synonyms for the key words are attached to generalizations to form transitions. -Details are linked together with each other and with the generalization.		-No transitions exist.
Closing Sentence Points:	-The closing sentence hints at the next paragraph.	-The closing sentence is stronger than the topic sentence. -It does not use the same words as the topic sentence. -It makes the paragraph feel like it is finished, that it "sits down.	-The closing repeats the topic sentence.	-No closing exists.
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