**Rubric** for Evaluating Paragraphs

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| Name: |  | Date: |  |

Rate your paragraph from 1 (Incomplete) to 6 (Amazing) for each line below. Add the scores together and divide by the number of items (7) to find your average score.

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|  | 1. The topic sentence is clearly stated and interesting. |
|  | 2. The topic sentence names the topic and a specific thought or feature about it. |
|  | 3. The paragraph is **unified**, with each body sentence supporting the topic sentence. |
|  | 4. The paragraph is **complete**, with a variety of effective details about the topic. |
|  | 5. The paragraph is **coherent**, connecting thoughts with transitions and key words. |
|  | 6. The organizational pattern suits the topic, purpose, and audience. |
|  | 7. The closing sentence effectively wraps up the paragraph. |
|  | **Total** |
| ÷ 7 | **Average score** |