**Writing Essays**

**Revising** to Find Paragraphs

Student: Date:

**Mark the paragraphs.**

Carefully read this part of an essay. The first new paragraph is marked for you. Mark the next new paragraphs using the three-step process. Copy and paste this mark (**¶)** to show where new paragraphs should begin.

We have had many great presidents. They have led our country when we were in wars or when people really needed help. Many third graders in Waller School picked Abraham Lincoln as the best president. **¶**Twenty-four third graders in our school answered two questions. Who is the best president? Why? Mr. Hayes collected and posted the results. Fifteen students picked Abraham Lincoln as our best president. Twelve of these students picked him because he freed the slaves. Three students said he was a great leader during the Civil War. Six students picked George Washington as our best president. Five of these students picked Washington because he was our first president. One student thought he was great because he fought for our freedom. Three students picked President Obama. Two students said he is our first African-American president. One student said he helped our country get a better economy.

**Check your essay.**

Be sure that you have started a new paragraph for each new idea in your essay. (You can combine some ideas if they are really short.)