Rubric for an 11-sentence paragraph

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| **Categories of performance** | **Beginner**  **(1)** | **Basic**  **(2)** | **Intermediate**  **(3)** | **Advanced**  **(4)** |
| Topic Sentence/Main Idea | No evidence of a main idea. The paragraph lacks clarity and cohesion. | Topic sentence is poorly written. The main idea is not entirely clear. | Topic sentence is complete. The main idea is clearly stated. | Topic sentence is strong and clearly states the main idea. Stimulates interest.  If literary analysis, states title and author |
| Body/Supporting Sentences  (3 supporting details with explanation) | Random ideas are hard to follow. Fewer than 3 supporting details. | 3 supporting details, but limited elaboration. | Body contains 3 supporting details and explanation Mostly related sentences are complete and focused. | Consistent development of main idea. Creates interest through details and varied sentence structure |
| Concluding Sentence | There is no concluding sentence that connects to a main idea. | The sentence is incomplete and does not sum up the paragraph. | The sentence is complete and adequately sums up the paragraph. | The sentence is complete and restates the main idea effectively. |
| Organization/Fluency | Paragraph lacks a clear focus. Confusing order of ideas | Limited details. Shows effort to create order using simple language to express ideas. | Adequate choice of words. More care needed to create fluency | Well-organized with clear topic, body, and conclusion. Flows logically. Consistent focus on topic |
| Mechanics/word choice | Many errors in grammar and spelling. Run-ons and lack of punctuation Limited new vocabulary. Disorganized | More than 5 errors in spelling and grammar. Words not always used correctly. Needs revision. | Less than 5 errors in spelling and grammar. Shows variety of words. | Accurate spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Uses descriptive language. Neat final draft. |

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