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Opinion Paragraph Rubric

Criteria	Exemplary (4)	Proficient (3)	Basic (2)	Insufficient (1)
Topic Sentence	Highly effective at stating the main idea, topic and opinion	Reasonably effective at stating the main idea, topic and opinion	Somewhat effective at stating the main idea, topic and opinion	Ineffective at stating the main idea, topic and opinion
Supporting Opinions and Reasons	Contains strong supporting opinions and specific reasons to support opinions.	Contains some supporting opinions and some specific reasons to support opinions.	Contains few supporting opinions and few specific reasons to support opinions.	Contains no supporting opinions and no specific reasons to support opinions.
Concluding Sentence	Highly effective summary of the main idea States overall significance of the topic	Reasonably effective summary of the main idea states overall significance of the topic	Somewhat effective summary of the main idea No statement of overall significance for the topic	Ineffective summary of the main idea No statement of overall significance for the topic
Organization and Structure	Logical progression of details. Transitions are appropriate and used effectively.	Logical progression of details. Transitions present, however do not enhance the overall effectiveness of the paragraph.	Organization is clear. Some transitions are present.	No discernible organization. Transitions are not present.
Capitalization and Punctuation	1-2 errors in capitalization and/or punctuation so the paragraph is exceptionally easy to read.	3 errors in capitalization and/or punctuation but the paragraph is still easy to read.	4-5 errors in capitalization and/or punctuation that catch the reader's attention and interrupt the flow of the paragraph.	More than 5 errors in capitalization and/or punctuation that catch the reader's attention and interrupt the flow of the paragraph.
Mechanics	1-2 errors in grammar or spelling.	3 errors in grammar or spelling.	4-5 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content of the paragraph.	More than 5 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content of the paragraph.

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For next time, I will...