

Formal Paragraph Rubric – World Geography 8

Incomplete	Not Yet	Expected	Above and Beyond
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incomplete formal organization: lacks topic sentence, supporting details, and/or closing sentence • Information does not rely on factual support and/or is not in student's own words • Evidence of an incomplete writing process missing elements of planning, revising and editing • Lacks reader interest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incomplete formal organization: lacks topic sentence, supporting details, and/or closing sentence • Information supported by some facts but also opinions that rely on guesses and overgeneralizations • Evidence of planning, revising, editing, and rewriting • Lacks reader interest at times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal organization: topic sentence, supporting details, closing sentence • Information supported with evidence/facts/details accurately summarize in own words • Evidence of planning, revising, editing, and rewriting • Evidence of audience relevance and interest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal organization: topic sentence, supporting details, closing sentence • Information supported with evidence/original facts/specific details accurately summarize in own words • Evidence of creative/higher level thinking and added time • Evidence of planning, revising, editing, and rewriting for a specific purpose and audience

Formal Paragraph Organizational Student Goal Includes:

- ✓ Topic Sentence (Main Idea)
- ✓ Supporting Details (2-5 sentences)
- ✓ Closing Statement (Restate main idea using new words)
- ✓ Capitalization, Punctuation, Basic Grammar, Spelling