

Paragraph Mini-Rubric — Evaluating Unity & Coherence

Criterion	Excellent (3)	Satisfactory (2)	Needs Work (1)
Topic Sentence Clarity	Clear, focused, and sets a measurable promise.	Generally clear; may include extra ideas.	Vague, broad, or missing.
Unity of Supporting Sentences	Every sentence directly supports the topic sentence.	Most sentences are related; one off-topic.	Several unrelated or repetitive ideas.
Coherence & Flow	Logical order with clear connectors; smooth echo and closure.	Mostly logical; minor jumps in flow.	Lacks order or transitions; abrupt shifts.
Evidence / Examples	Strong, relevant examples support each main point.	Some examples are relevant.	Few or no examples; unrelated evidence.
Closure / Echo	Paragraph ends with a concise echo or call-forward.	Closure present but weak.	No sense of ending.

Quick 60-Second Checklist

- Underline the topic sentence.
- Check that each support sentence answers the promise.
- Circle transitional signals (max 3).
- Highlight closure sentence.
- Write one sentence: *What is the paragraph's main promise?*

Teacher Notes

Use this rubric in class or peer feedback sessions.

- ✓ Apply 3→2→1 scale quickly.
- ✓ For large classes, combine with color codes: green = unity, blue = coherence, red = topic sentence.
- ✓ Encourage self-evaluation before teacher marking.

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