



Paragraph Writing - 6th grade expectations

Topic Sentence (Introductory Sentence):

- Should state the topic of the paragraph
- If it is a paragraph that answers a question, students should echo the question

Body Sentences:

- Should include facts and details and examples that support the topic
- There should be at least three sentences here
- If responding to a question about written text, evidence from the text should be included

Closing Sentence:

- Should begin with a transition word or phrase
- Should restate the topic (similar to the introduction, but worded differently)

***Mechanics:** Students should use capitalization and punctuation appropriately throughout.

Example:

Paragraph prompt: *What is your favorite sport?*

A good sixth grade example answer:

Intro/ Topic sentence



Body Sentences



Closing Sentence



There are many sports that I enjoy, but my favorite would have to be skateboarding. It is a sport that you can do almost anywhere, and you do not need a lot of expensive equipment. It is difficult to learn some tricks in the beginning, but once you are able to do the basics, you will soon be doing other tricks. Skateboarding is also a really fun activity to do with friends. For all of these reasons, skateboarding is the favorite of all of my sports activities.