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|  | **Paragraph Evaluation Rubric**  |   Assignment #  |
| **Student Name:** | **Score:** |
| **How to use this rubric:** * This analytic rubric is used to verify that specific tasks have been performed.
* If a task has been successfully completed, all points are awarded.
* No points are awarded if a task is not complete.
* Awarding partial points is not an option.
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| **Category** | **Scoring Criteria** | **Points** | **StudentEvaluation** | **TeacherEvaluation** |
| **Thesis Statement*20 points*** | The first sentence in the paragraph is the thesis statement. *(There are no exceptions to this rule.)* | **10** |  |  |
| A thesis statement makes the subject of the paragraph clear. *(Thesis statements are not questions. Thesis statements do not begin, "this paragraph is about".)* | **10** |  |  |
| **Your Evidence*35 points*** | The paragraph provides the reasons for your position. *(You must give specific reasons for your position.)* | **15** |  |  |
| Your reasons include scientific information as evidence. *("Just because" is not scientific evidence.)* | **10** |  |  |
| Information in the paragraph is presented in the student's own words, not "cut and pasted" from research sources. *(You are communicating your own ideas, not those of someone else.)* | **10** |  |  |
| **Rewrite*45 points*** | The paragraph is typed using a standard 12 or 14 point font. *(If there is any question about what "standard" means - ask!)* Some assignments may be hand written. For those assignments, you must write NEATLY. *(If your teacher has a hard time reading the paragraph, these points will not be awarded.)*  | **10** |  |  |
| There are no "first person" statements in the paragraph. *(It is understood the thoughts are yours, so words like "I", "My" and "We" are unnecessary.)* | **20** |  |  |
| There are no spelling errors or visible corrections. *(Proof-reading is required - even with spell check.)* | **10** |  |  |
| There are no obvious grammar or punctuation errors. *(Such as the use of "their - there", "to - too - two", or text abbreviations)* | **5** |  |  |