

Criteria for an Effective Paragraph

(GRADE 8)

Content **50%**

- Lead with an event or idea or cause that grabs the reader.
- Have four reasons, effects, or consequences.
- Quote someone who is an expert or was there and involved.
- Use first or third person point of view.
- Integrate description.
- Include sequence where it helps and is important.

Style (craft and technique) **20%**

- Include strong verbs.
- Vary sentence openings.

Writing Conventions **30%**

- Use complete sentences.
- Use correct pronoun references.