

Social Science Paragraph Marking Scheme

Name: _____

Paragraph Topic: _____

Topic Sentence (Thinking/Inquiry)

0	.5	1	1.5	2
No Introductory Statement	Poor introductory sentence – does not relate to topic	Weak introductory statement, few major ideas outlined	Good introductory statement, most major ideas outlined	Superior introductory statement, clearly outlines all major ideas in paragraph

Body (Knowledge/Understanding)

0	1	2	3	4
No related proof points	Proof points offered, no appropriate factual evidence <i>no comments</i>	All or most major proof points made and not all are supported with appropriate <i>comments</i>	Most major proof points made and supported with appropriate <i>Comments</i>	All major proof points made and supported with outstanding <i>Comments</i>

Concluding Sentence/Clincher (Thinking/Inquiry)

0	.5	1	1.5	2
No clincher evident	Poor clinching statement, does not reinforce topic	Weak clinching statement, few major ideas reinforced	Good concluding sentence, most major ideas reinforced	Superior concluding statement, clearly reinforced all major themes and ideas

Grammar and Spelling (Communication)

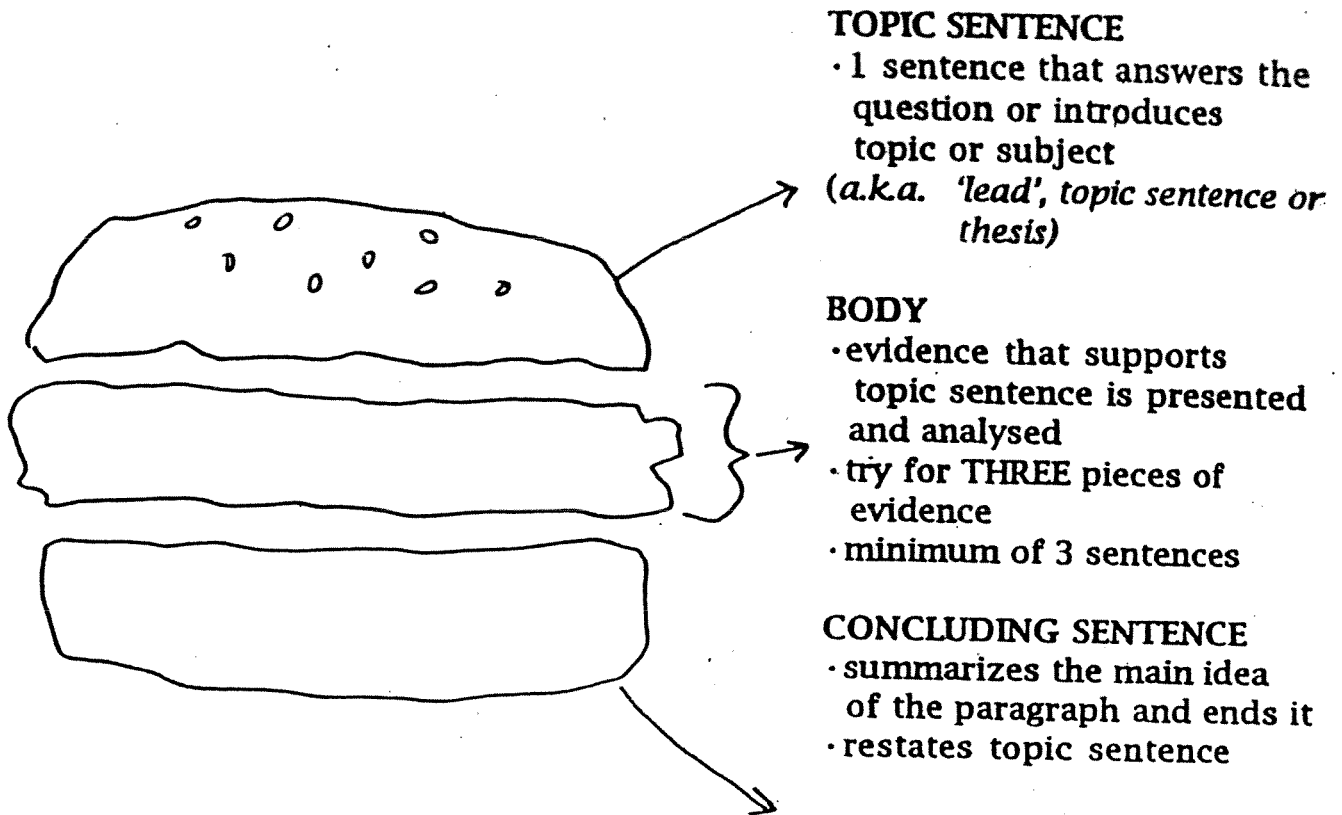
0	.5	1	1.5	2
No evidence of proofreading	Too many spelling or grammar errors for this level	Some spelling and grammar errors – not all interfere with meaning	Few spelling and grammar errors which do not interfere with meaning	No spelling or grammar errors

Comments:

Explain / describe how
 Nazi Germany was a
 Totalitarian State.

Writing Skills
THE "HAMBURGER PARAGRAPH"

1. Structure of the Paragraph



Sample Paragraph

Summer is a better time of year than winter because people enjoy time outside, people tend to exercise more often and there is no school (Topic Sentence). In the summertime, people tend to spend more time outside (Proof). Spending time outside is healthy and it make most people feel happier (Comment). Summer is also a time when people get more exercise (Proof) because they are happy to walk, rollerblade or skate to a friend's house (Comment). In the winter, it is often too cold (Proof) to do anything outside so people are inactive inside (Comment). Finally, summer is the very best time of year because there is no school (Proof). Young people love sleeping in and having no homework or bells to control their days (Comment). Clearly, summer is the best time of year since people are outside, people exercise more often and there is no school (Concluding Sentence).