



Justification Paragraph ~ Rating

Rate Your Writing

Use the following scoring guide to rate your justification paragraph.

		Insufficient	Attempted	Sufficient	Exemplary
1. Does the topic sentence clearly state your claim?	Writer	1	2	3	4
	Reader	1	2	3	4
2. Did you include strong reasons to support your claim?	Writer	1	2	3	4
	Reader	1	2	3	4
3. Did you provide strong text evidence to support your claim?	Writer	1	2	3	4
	Reader	1	2	3	4
4. Did you use transitions to introduce reasons and evidence?	Writer	1	2	3	4
	Reader	1	2	3	4
5. Did you explain why the evidence is relevant and significant?	Writer	1	2	3	4
	Reader	1	2	3	4
6. Did you include precise topic words and high-utility words?	Writer	1	2	3	4
	Reader	1	2	3	4
7. Does the concluding sentence strongly restate your claim using new wording?	Writer	1	2	3	4
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Reflect and Refine

Step One: WRITER'S PRIORITIES

Reflect upon your rating scores and review your justification paragraph draft.

Record specific priorities on the draft and below that will help you in revising and editing.

Priority 1: I will revise my justification so that it _____

Priority 2: I also need to _____

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Step Two: READER'S SUGGESTIONS

Reflect upon the rating scores you gave to your partner. Record specific suggestions on the draft and below that will help your partner in revising and editing.

Suggestion 1: Your justification would be stronger if you _____

Suggestion 2: You can further improve your justification by _____
