

Five-Paragraph Composition Evaluation Sheet

What is this composition's general topic? _____

_____ You have an introductory paragraph as shown in Handout #18.

Name the three parts you divided the composition's one subject into. Each of these three parts is named in the topic paragraph and becomes a fully body paragraph.

With what **order** have you arranged your details (your paragraphs)?

_____ Order of importance

_____ Order of direction (top-to-bottom, left-to-right, inside-to-outside)

_____ Order of occurrence (chronological time)

_____ Some other order. Please tell what kind. _____

List any transitions you used to make your paragraphs stick together. (**coherence**)

What is the **big idea** of your composition that is summarized in your concluding paragraph?

OR

What **key points** of your composition are re-presented in your concluding paragraph (X,Y,Z)?

_____ Your body paragraphs contain five sentences. Some of them may be compound sentences.

_____ Your paper is free of run-on sentences. Each BLUE / RED sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with an end mark (period, question mark, or exclamation point).

_____ Your paper is free of comma splices. If a comma has a BLUE / RED sentence on both sides, it also has a GREEN conjunction with the comma.

_____ Your topic sentence and concluding sentence avoid "There is" and "There are."