

## Short Response Rubric

Part of Paragraph	Requirements	Max Points	Points Earned
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Topic Sentence</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Clearly introduces main idea of paragraph</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Appropriately includes format, title &amp; author (FAT), if applicable.</b></li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Concrete Details</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Includes <u>at least two</u> text-based details from the reading which specifically answer the question</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Writer cites page, paragraph or chapter #s of text-based details</b></li> <li>➤ <b>At least one of the details is a direct quote (word for word from the reading; in quotation marks)</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Transitions guide the reader through the response</b></li> </ul>	<b>20</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commentary</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Directly after each supporting detail, include commentary from your brain (chunking)</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Did <u>NOT</u> use the words “I think,” “I believe,” or “in my opinion”</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Writer used some of the commentary helpers from Writing Ditto # 2</b></li> </ul>	<b>15</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Sentence</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>The paragraph feels like it is over</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Writer did not end the paragraph with “These are reasons why...” or a similar empty phrase.</b></li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mechanics</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Writer uses grade-level spelling, grammar, and punctuation, and capitalization.</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Writer has followed the specified font size, style, spacing, heading, etc.</b></li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	

Grade \_\_\_\_\_/50; must get signed if under a 33.