**Argumentative Paragraph**

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| **Parts of Parargraph** | **# of sentences** | **Instructions/Hints** | **Points** |
| Hook | 1 | Start off with surprising fact or question. | 1 |
| The issue | 1 | **WRITE THIS**  *People disagree over whether parents should help with homework.* | 1 |
| Thesis | 1 | Thesis statement. State your position in a clear, matter of fact way. | 1 |
| Counterargument | 2 | You need to recognize the other side of the argument**. Example:**  *Some may argue that parents should/should not help their children with homework because (add the best reason from the other column). However,………………*  (argue why the reason is not a good one). | 4 |
| Support | 1-2 | Begin with a **transition word** and state the first reason to support the claim. Ex. First of all, (use the first reason from the YES/NO chart, make sure to write the reason in your own words. | 3  (\*2 points for one sentence, and 3 points for two. The second sentence should be an example, or expanding the reason in some way) |
| Support | 1-2 | Begin with a different **transition word** and state another reason to support your claim. | 3  \*See above |
| Support | 1-2 | Begin with a different **transition word** and state the final reason to support your claim. | 3  \*See above |
| Conclusion | 1 | Begin with a **transition** and restate your thesis in a new way | 2 |
| Usage |  | Check for proper capitalization, punctuation and spelling | 3 |
|  | 12 sentences | **\*2 points extra credit for typed paper.** | /21 |