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Paragraph on Demand (A Single Paragraph Answer/Short Constructed Response)

Meets the Standard (Proficient)	Approaching the Standard (Progressing)	Further from the Standard (Basic)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Answers the question; is fully on topic-Contains an identifiable topic sentence that states the main idea of the paragraph-Includes three or more facts, details, reasons, or examples presented in supporting sentences, and all are accurate-Has correct sentence mechanics throughout (first words capitalized, end marks used)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Answers the question; is partially on topic-Contains either an attempted topic sentence or a topic sentence that does not clearly state the main idea of the paragraph-Includes fewer than three facts, details, reasons, or examples presented in supporting sentences, and some are accurate-Has some correct sentence mechanics (first words capitalized, end marks used)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Does not answer the question and/or is off topic-An attempted topic sentence is not present and/or the main idea is not stated-Includes only one fact, detail, reason, or example and/or is entirely inaccurate-Lacks correct sentence mechanics

*This is an old-fashioned "Open Response"
MCAS structured response type of writing,
focuses on final format only, not
good ideas and good thinking
in student writing.*