

## Scoring Guide: *Justification Paragraph*

### *Content & Organization*

- 0 1 2 3 4
1. Does the title prepare the reader for the specific topic and content of the paragraph?
- 0 1 2 3 4
2. Does the first sentence state the specific topic and controlling idea (main idea/position) about that topic?
- 0 1 2 3 4
3. Do the following sentences provide specific reasons to support the writer's position on this topic?
- 0 1 2 3 4
4. Is enough commentary (examples, explanation) provided to help you understand why the writer holds this position?
- 0 1 2 3 4
5. Are all of the supporting sentences relevant?
- 0 1 2 3 4
6. Are the sentences written in a logical, easy-to-follow order?
- 0 1 2 3 4
7. Are linking/transition words (e.g., in addition, however) used to introduce and connect ideas where appropriate?
- 0 1 2 3 4
8. Are conjunctions (e.g., although) used to join related ideas?
- 0 1 2 3 4
9. Does the paragraph end in an appropriate concluding statement?
- 0 1 2 3 4
10. Is new vocabulary from this unit used within the paragraph?

### *Grammar & Mechanics*

- 0 1 2 3 4
1. Are the words spelled correctly?
- 0 1 2 3 4
2. Are the verbs written in the correct tense?
- 0 1 2 3 4
3. Do the sentence subjects and verbs agree?
- 0 1 2 3 4
4. Is the paragraph free of sentence fragments?
- 0 1 2 3 4
5. Is the paragraph free of run-together sentences?

**Writer:**

**Reader:**

**Priorities for your revision:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

