

## SCORING GUIDE: *Descriptive "Showing" Paragraph*

No Not Evident	0	1	2	3	4	Yes Very Evident
	Fix-up					

### *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 clearly state what is being described?
- 0 1 2 3 4      3. Do the other sentences provide vivid "showing" details that describe the topic?
- 0 1 2 3 4      4. Do the other sentences provide commentary to explain the details about the topic?
- 0 1 2 3 4      5. Is enough support provided to enable you to draw a picture (or to create a mental image) of what is being described?
- 0 1 2 3 4      6. Are all of the supporting sentences relevant?
- 0 1 2 3 4      7. Are the sentences written in a logical, easy-to-follow order?
- 0 1 2 3 4      8. Are transition words (e.g., in addition, however) used to introduce new thoughts/sentences?
- 0 1 2 3 4      9. Are conjunctions (e.g., although, since) used to join related ideas?
- 0 1 2 3 4      10. Does the paragraph end in an appropriate concluding statement?

### *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 agree with the verbs?
- 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?

### *Priorities for your revision:*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.