

## **Description Paragraph Edit**

### **Topic Sentence/Thesis/Introduction:**

Do the first sentences in the paragraph explain what the topic is? Is the main idea clear? Is the introduction of the paragraph interesting? Does it draw in or “hook” the reader? Does the introduction tell the reader what the paragraph will be about? Does it give general and basic information about the topic?

### **Details:**

Is the topic described well? Did the writer include details, explanations and interesting information? Did the writer use any descriptive words, adjectives and interesting phrases? Are the details related to the main idea? Do the details give more information about the topic?

### **Transition Words:**

Does the writer use transition words to move smoothly from one idea to the next? (examples on pg 20 or 150 in the book) Does the paragraph have continuity and cohesion? (pg. 7 in the book)

### **Conclusion/Concluding Sentence:**

Does the conclusion finish (close) the paragraph? the conclusion of the paragraph restate the main idea/thesis? Does the writer summarize the information in the paragraph? Is the conclusion interesting? Will it help the reader remember the important information?