

Using the rubric to improve writing

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Directions: Read the whole text. It is broken into paragraphs for you but first read it as one entire text. Now, go back and tell one thing the writer did well in each paragraph.

Example	What did the writer do well?
Hermes, the Greek God of trade, is one son of Zeus. His mother is a mountain nymph. This makes him a unique character: all the power and wrath of Zeus, but having all the peace and tranquility and resources of the mountains.	
On the day he was born, he found a tortoise shell, turned it into a drum, added some strings and made the first lyre. He is generally a happy-go-lucky sort of character. He is a trickster and outwits the other gods for his own amusement. Hermes carries a staff with two entwined snakes. The snakes, in nature, should be fighting. However, since they are with Hermes, they are entwined in peace. This is a metaphor for how peace can be achieved.	
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BACKSIDE

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