

Paragraph 1	Contains a clearly identifiable thesis statement. Gives a clear but general description of the essay to come in at least 5 sentences(4 points)	The paragraph has clear sentence structure. Sentences have appropriate grammar, punctuation, and capitalization.. (2 points)
Paragraph 2	Contains at least 5 accurate references to <i>specific</i> rights in the Magna Carta and the English Bill of Rights. At least 5 <i>explicit</i> connections are made between English documents of democracy and <i>American</i> documents.Student has a clear and accurate understanding of the topic. (4 points each, 20 points)	The paragraph has a topic sentence and clear sentence structure. Sentences have appropriate grammar, punctuation, and capitalization.The paragraph is at least 5 complete sentences. (2 points)
Paragraph 3	All 5 relevant parts of the social contract idea, as articulated by Locke and Rousseau, are described. Some textual support is given. Student has a clear understanding of the topic. (4 points each, 20 points)	The paragraph has a topic sentence and clear sentence structure. Ideas and connections are clearly organized. Sentences have appropriate grammar, punctuation, and capitalization. The paragraph is at least 5 complete sentences. (2 points)
Paragraph 4	At least 5 specific and <i>relevant</i> (related to the social contract) quotes from the Declaration are given. Student has described each of the quotes in his or her own words. (4 points each, 20 points)	The paragraph has a topic sentences and clear sentence structure. Sentences have appropriate grammar, punctuation, and capitalization. The paragraph is at least 5 complete sentences. (2 points)
Paragraph 5	At least 5 <i>other</i> (outside of social contract) specific Enlightenment ideas are referred to, as well as what thinker(s) those ideas are associated with. Each idea's connection to American government is explicit. (4 points each, 20 points)	The paragraph has a topic sentence and clear sentence structure. Sentences have appropriate grammar, punctuation, and capitalization. The paragraph is at least 5 complete sentences. (2 points)
Paragraph 6	Thesis statement is restated and concluding statements are made that summarize the arguments made in each part of the essay. (4 points)	The paragraph has clear sentence structure. Sentences have appropriate grammar, punctuation, and capitalization.(2 points)