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The GREAT, the GOOD and the UGLY

OBJECTIVE: To read three open responses, identify the four components (if they are present), determine which one is the great paragraph, the good paragraph and the ugly paragraph, and explain the reason behind the decisions in writing.

DIRECTIONS:

- 1.) Read Response Number One through once.
- 2.) Read Response Number One again, and this time complete the following (if present):
 - a.) Using a **red** colored pencil, draw a box around and shade what you believe is the topic sentence
 - b.) Using a **green** colored pencil, draw a box around and shade what you believe are the reasons the writer presented
 - c.) Using a **blue** colored pencil, draw a box around and shade what you believe to be the defense for each reason the writer presented
 - d.) Using a **yellow** colored pencil, draw a box around and shade what you believe to be the conclusion sentence
- 3.) Repeat steps 1 and 2 with both Response Number Two and Response Number Three
- 4.) After reading and dissecting all three paragraphs, decide which one would be the GREAT paragraph, which one would be the GOOD paragraph and which one would be the UGLY paragraph. Write your decision on the line provided.
- 5.) After you've rated each paragraph, you need to write 3-5 reasons **WHY** you scored it the way that you did. This can be done in a mini cohesive paragraph or in separate sentences. Make sure that your writing is DEFENDED, meaning you've gone back to the rating and explained how your reasoning relates to the rating. This writing should take place at the bottom of each page.

a.) EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

This response is good because it provides a conclusion sentence which is one of the four components of an open response. However, it's a talking sentence, so it can't be great.

Please note that these paragraphs were written a few years ago, so the content may not be relevant anymore

Response Number One

There are many reasons football teams win Super Bowls: a good offense, a good defense, good special teams and great coaching. The Patriots will win this next Super Bowl.

The Patriots have Tom Brady. He is a quarterback. I like Tom Brady. He is number 12. He is married to a model. I like Tom Brady. The Patriots have Aaron Dobson, Kenbrell Thompkins, and Julian Edelman as wide receivers. They have Danny Amendola, too. I like those guys. They play wide receiver for Tom Brady. They also have Steven Ridley as a running back, but he fumbles. They have 5 guys to play the offensive line. I like the Patriots. Their offense will be great.

The Patriots field 11 men on defense. They have Jerod Mayo as a linebacker. He tackles players. They have Vince Wilfork and Darrelle Revis. They are both great players.

The Patriots have a great kicker in Stephen Gostkowski. He doesn't choke like the guy the Ravens had that cost them the game. The Patriots have Bill Belichick as a coach, too. That is an advantage. Therefore, the Patriots will win the Super Bowl this June.

RATING: *(circle one)*

GREAT

GOOD

UGLY

REASONING:

Response Number Two

There are many reasons football teams win Super Bowls: good offense, good defense, good special teams and great coaching. The Patriots have not had that the last few years, but hopefully, with Tom Brady giving them an advantage on offense, the addition of Darrelle Revis transforming the defense into a great one, and with Bill Belichick coaching, they will accomplish their ultimate goal.

To start, this year the Patriot's defense should be much improved over the squad they fielded last year. Leaders like Vince Wilfork and Jerod Mayo, hurt last year, will be back. Vince Wilfork play on the defensive line and makes it very hard for other teams to run against the Patriots. He is strong enough to stop any running back from running up the middle. He has gone to the pro bowl 4 times. The pro bowl is a game after the regular season where the best defensive players in the NFL go, so we know he is one of the best players. This year they signed Darrelle Revis and Brandon Browner. Those two are cornerbacks. That was an area of need for the Patriots. Darrelle Revis is regarded as one of the best cornerbacks of the last 25 years. He has been to 5 pro bowls so far, and he was once voted the NFL's defensive player of the year- an award given to the best defensive player in the NFL. They also have Chandler Jones and Rob Ninkovich as defensive ends to put pressure on the other team's quarterback or to stop the other team's running backs.

In addition to a great defense, the Patriots look to have one of the top offenses in the NFL again this year. Tom Brady returns to lead the offense. He is a perennial all-pro and one of the best quarterbacks to ever play football. He has taken the Patriots to 5 Super Bowls, winning three. All the Patriots receives should be better this year. Rob Gronkowski looks to play the whole season. When he is healthy, he is a great weapon. He has caught 42 touchdowns in his first 50 games in the NFL. That is the best among all Tight Ends ever. Danny Amendola and Julian Edelman return to lead the wide receivers. Amendola missed some time last year, but if he and Edelman are healthy, they are great targets for Brady to throw to. Edelman caught 105 passes, 6 of which were touchdowns, last year. His 105 catches was 4th most in the entire NFL. The offensive line is good, too. They have a lot of consistency on the offensive line, and they will protect Tom Brady when he goes to pass.

Finally, the Patriots have great special teams and coaching as well. They have Stephen Gostkowski to kick field goals. Last year hit 38 of 41 field goal attempts. That's 92.7 percent. He kicked more field goals than anyone else, and his accuracy percentage was 6th best in the NFL. The league average was 86.5 %(canalstreetchronicles.com/2013/). Then, when it comes to coaching, the Patriots happen to have one of the best coaches ever: Bill Belichick. Belichick won 2 Super Bowls as the defensive coordinator of the New York Giants; he's won three more as the head coach of the Patriots, while also having led them to two more.

Therefore, with great defense, offense, special teams and coaching, the Patriots should rise to the top in the NFL playoffs and accomplish every football team's ultimate goal: be Super Bowl champions.

RATING: *(circle one)*

GREAT

GOOD

UGLY

REASONING:

Response Number Three

There are many reasons football teams win Super Bowls: a good offense, a good defense, good special teams and great coaching. The Patriots have not had all of those the last few years, but hopefully, with all of those now, they will win the Super Bowl this year. Firstly, the Patriots have a great offense with Tom Brady at the helm. He is one of the best quarterbacks to ever play football. They also have Rob Gronkowski and Kenbrell Thompkins. The offensive line is good too. They have a lot of consistency on the offensive line. The offensive line is Nate Soldier, Logan Mankins, Dan Connelly, and Sebastian Vollmer. They also have many back up players for the offensive line.

In addition, this year the Patriots defense should be much improved. Leaders like Vince Wilfork and Jerod Mayo will be back. They missed much of last year. Vince Wilfork play on the defensive line and makes it hard for other teams to run against the Pats. This year they signed Darrelle Revis and Brandon Browner. Those two are cornerbacks. That was an area of need for the Patriots. They also have Chandler Jones and Rob Ninkovich as defensive ends to put pressure on the other team's quarterback or to stop the other team's running backs.

Lastly, the Patriots have great special teams and coaching. They have Stephen Gostkowski to kick field goals. Last year hit hit 38 of 41 field goal attempts. That's 92.7 percent. Then, when it comes to coaching, the Patriots happen to have one of the best coaches ever: Bill Belichick. Belichick is usually regarded as a football genius. He wins a lot of games and coaches Tom Brady. So, come Winter, since they have a great offense and defense, and great special teams and coaching, the Patriots should triumph over all opponents and hoist their fourth Lombardi Trophy.

RATING: *(circle one)*

GREAT

GOOD

UGLY

REASONING: