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Picture in a Paragraph Essay

	Not Quite	Got It	Exceeding
IDEAS			
- Insightful and original observations, clear and on-topic			
- Details that create pictures in the reader's mind			
- Figurative language affects the reader			
ORGANIZATION			
- Grabs the reader's attention from the start			
- Easy to read. Well-sequenced. Good flow.			
- Ends with a sense of resolution; sense of closure			
SENTENCE FLUENCY			
- Well-built sentences, effective use of transition words			
- Sounds good when read aloud; has a good flow			
- Variety of sentence lengths			
VOICE			
- Writing is expressive and compelling			
- Written in a way to make the reader want to read on			
- Sounds like you. Some risk-taking in the use of distinctive, just-right words and phrases			
WORD CHOICE			
- Vivid verbs--giving the piece lots of energy			
- Creative and effective use of figurative language			
- Adjectives & adverbs are chosen with precision			
- Words deepen the meaning and capture imagination			
CONVENTIONS			
- Proper spelling			
- Proper use of periods, commas, exclamation and question marks etc., paragraphs indented			
- Consistent and accurate use of capital letters			
- Grammatically correct phrases and sentences.			

Overall Level: