

RUBRIC FOR PARAGRAPH

STUDENT NAME _____

Thesis (20 points):

- Is it the first sentence in the paragraph?
- Is it an arguable opinion, not a statement of fact?
- Is it clear?

Paragraph Technicalities (10 points)

- Is it between 200-250 words long?
- Does it include 2-3 facts about the convict-lease system?
- Does it mention something specific about 1 of the primary sources?

Quality of Paragraph (20 points)

- Does the author discuss and explain, not just list facts?
- Is the author's wording clear?
- Does the author supply transitional words and phrases when moving between different parts of the paragraph?
- Is the paragraph convincing in terms of supporting the thesis? Do all the parts relate?

COMMENTS: