**Example of a Proficient Paragraph**

Everyone has a favorite season. What is your favorite season and why?

 Ahhhhhhhhhhh! Swish! The cold breeze tickles my nose and causes my eyelashes to freeze in place. Winter is my all-time favorite season. Without snow, I couldn’t snowboard. Gliding down the mountain makes me feel like I am weightless and free. After snowboarding, I like to sip on a cup of hot cocoa. It warms my insides and makes my nose glow. Finally, on cold winter nights, I curl up on the sofa and read a book. My dog lounges at my feet as I lose myself in a story by the fire. Now that fall is coming to an end, I can’t wait to welcome winter! Jack Frost, please quickly come knock at my door!

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