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Grade/subject _____

Date _____

Paragraph about Fort Sumter

Planning sheet

1. Select which guiding question from SS notebook pages 14 and 15 you are going to write about.
____guiding question 1 ____guiding question 2 ____guiding question 3

2. **Draft a topic sentence** for your paragraph.



<http://www.history.com/images/media/slideshow/civil-war-fort-sumter/aerial-fort-sumter.jpg>

3. **Write details** you plan to include in your paragraph. Use the back of this paper. Bullet point style is fine. *You, the historian, must include items you learned, even if some items contradict other items.*
4. **Check your topic sentence.** Do your details fit what your topic sentence says this paragraph will be about? If not, revise your topic sentence so that it fits the details. (Or you could select other details to fit your topic sentence.)
5. **Draft a conclusion sentence.** It can summarize (in general terms) the details, or restate the topic.
6. Decide what order you will tell the details.
7. You are ready to write the paragraph! Write it with pencil on a lined piece of paper (or type it.) One idea per sentence.
8. Read through the grading sheet. Compare the elements of your paragraph with the grading sheet. Try to adjust your paragraph to meet the far right column (“7 points”) requirements. Make it the best paragraph you can write!
9. Check the paragraph for:
____spelling ____capitalization ____punctuation ____indent the first word
10. Find an adult or a peer to proofread your paragraph.