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2 Ok...	You can almost kernelize this.	Kind of clear; some focus	Pretty obvious	Not much craft to find.	Some mistakes; you can read this aloud
3 Ahh.	Kernelizes pretty easily	Clear, consistent point; very focused	Not completely boring	Some specifics; some choices.	Mostly correct; some sentence variety; easy to read aloud
4 Oh yes.	Practically kernelizes itself at a glance, including transitions	Completely focused and moves; ideas connected in interesting ways	Thought-provoking or unusual perspective	Many specifics; icons; multiple colors; bookends; devices; powerful diction	Varied and sophisticated syntax; pitchforks; a pleasure to read aloud
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