Task #8
Introduction Paragraph Evaluation

Content Standards:
1. TSWBAT write quality introduction paragraphs.

Process Standards:
1. TSWBAT work cooperatively with a group.

Task:
The students will use what they know about a good introduction paragraph to evaluate numerous introduction paragraphs. Give the students the introduction paragraph worksheet. They will read each introduction paragraph and decide whether or not each they are good introduction paragraphs. Then they will write down why each is or is not a good introduction paragraph. Finally, they will change the poor paragraphs to make them good introduction paragraphs. Tell the students that there are some good ones. Explain to them that the most important part of this assignment is explaining why each paragraph is or is not a good introduction paragraph, and changing the paragraphs to make them good ones.

The students will be doing this activity in a group. Tell them that they will be getting assessed on how often they share their ideas and if they were always on task. The group leader will have a list of names in the group and will make a tally under each name when that member makes a comment related to the paragraphs. This list will get turned into the teacher at the end of the assignment. Tell the students they need to contribute to the group at least 5 times. The teacher will keep track of those students who they notice are not on task.

Criteria
Content Standard #1
1. The students accurately decided whether original introduction paragraphs are good or not.
2. The students give strong explanation as to why each introduction paragraph was good or bad.
3. The students accurately change the poor introduction paragraphs to make them good ones.

Process Standard #1
1. Group Participation: Students must have between 5-10 tallies under their name.
2. On Task: The students were always on task.
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<td>Evaluation incomplete.</td>
<td>Some/few paragraphs accurately labeled as good or bad.</td>
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<td>No explanation completed.</td>
<td>Good explanation for few paragraphs.</td>
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<td><strong>Introduction Paragraph: Revision</strong></td>
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<td>Few paragraphs revised were changed into good intro. paragraphs.</td>
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