

*An excerpt from the original Paragraph a Week program featured at The Teacher's Desk 1998-2012*

## HOLIDAY SMELLS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due \_\_\_\_\_

For English this week, you are to concentrate on the smells of the holidays. Make a list of all the smells that you associate with the holidays. Then choose one of the smells and develop two paragraphs about that one smell. Perhaps you will want to explain where you are when you find the smell, or maybe you'll want to tell what you are doing or who is with you. Try to make your reader actually experience that smell. Use figurative language to make your descriptions vivid.

Be sure to use a good topic sentence that will interest us and make us want to read your paragraphs. Develop paragraphs with at least five sentences. Remember to include a transitional sentence to take us from one paragraph to another. Have a concluding sentence which pulls your paragraphs together. Focus on all the traits of good writing!

### REMEMBER:

\_\_\_ 5-8 sentences for each paragraph, including a topic and concluding sentence

\_\_\_ A TRANSITIONAL sentence which smoothly takes your reader from one paragraph to another

\_\_\_ traits of good writing; focus on ORGANIZATION and WORD CHOICE

\_\_\_ clearly REWORKED rough draft

\_\_\_ final is neat and written in ink

\_\_\_ signature of adult who helped you proofread your work for CONVENTIONS

\_\_\_ all three papers stapled together with final on top

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