**Literary Paragraph Student Sample**

*Sample Prompt: Were Romeo and Juliet truly in love? Why or why not?*

I believe that Romeo and Juliet were truly in love because they were willing to die for one another. William Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet* is a classic love story about two star-crossed lovers that wanted nothing but to be together. It’s like Edward and Bella from *Twilight*, their love for each other is just so strong that it overcomes all obstacles. From the beginning, Romeo and Juliet are kept apart by their families in the same way that mortality keeps Bella and Edward apart. The feud between the Capulets and Montagues is also comparable to that between the Vampires and the Werewolves. Romeo and Juliet are drawn to each other when they first meet at the masquerade that the Capulet family throws; once they see each other, Romeo forgets about that silly prude Rosaline and finds his true love in Juliet. Much like when Edward and Bella share their first kiss, the kiss is passionate and you can sense that a true animalistic magnetism exists between them. Their love is true from the moment that they lay eyes on each other. Romeo sees Juliet at the masquerade and his love for her is ignited so strongly that he is drawn to her. This reminds me of when Edward first sees Bella in class: at first it seems like he is repulsed by her, when in actuality, he is so drawn to her scent that he struggles to control himself. In the end, the struggle of trying to be together forces Romeo and Juliet to make the decision to do whatever they can to be together. Unfortunately, the plan falls through and they do not get to live together. However, the proof that Romeo and Juliet loved one another shows through in the ending. Just like in *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*, when one thinks that they have lost the other one, they attempt to kill themselves because they cannot bear to live without their soul mate – and that is true love.