**Example Paragraph**

**Original question: What kind of goddess is Athena? What are her character traits?**

Athena is an intelligent but vain goddess. One way Athena shows her intelligence is when she and Poseidon have a contest to see who will win a city they both want. They agree that whoever gives the city a better gift will win, and Athena gives them an olive tree while Poseidon gives them a spring of salty water. Athena is smart enough to realize that olive trees can give the people oil, food and wood and a salty spring isn’t even good for drinking. Another way she displays her intelligence is with arts and crafts. She taught men how to use the plough, ox-yoke, wheel and sail. These tools make life a lot easier and solve a lot of problems, so Athena was very clever to give them to mankind. Also, when Athena is competing in a weaving contest against a human girl named Arachne she weaves the most beautiful tapestry ever seen. It would take a lot of intelligence to be able to do something so complicated with so much skill. However, Athena also displays her vanity by agreeing to compete in the weaving contest in the first place. Athena only agreed to compete against Arachne because Arachne bragged that she was a better weaver than Athena. As a goddess Athena is clearly the better weaver, so she shouldn’t need to prove how much better she is, but she is so vain that a silly human girl hurt her pride! Even though Athena is very intelligent, it seems that her intelligence is what causes her to be vain.