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Analysis and Argumentation
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Writing Thesis Sentences Exercise

A thesis sentence is one sentence that establishes the focus of your essay. In an essay for most of your college classes, your thesis should always appear at the end of your introduction and it may be restated (worded in a new way) in your conclusion.

Exercise Directions: Pay close attention to the items below. In some cases you need to use the given topic, create a topic, and/or supports as indicated to write a thesis sentence:

1. Topic 1: The Importance of an Education

Supports:

1. It could enable one to get a better paying job.
2. It makes a person a more interesting individual.
3. It makes a person a more informed citizen.

Thesis Sentence:

2. Topic 2: Why Bowling is a Sport for Everyone

Supports:

1. It is not limited to any age group.
2. It can be played at any time.
3. It does not require any expensive equipment.

Thesis Sentence:

3. Topic 3: Caring for Young Children

Supports:

1. You must provide for their physical needs.
2. You must provide for their emotional needs.
3. You must help them grow mentally.

Thesis Sentence:

4. Topic 4: How to Care for Plants

Supports:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Thesis Sentence:

5. Topic 5: The Things People Save

Supports:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Thesis Sentence:

6. Topic 6: Some young people view celebrities — including professional athletes, actors, and musicians — as role models. Do you think that celebrities are good role models? Explain why or why not.

Supports:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Thesis Sentence:

7. Topic 7: If it were up to you to choose one item from the twenty-first century to place in a time capsule for future generations, what would you choose? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice, explaining both the item's significance and the reasons why it embodies the culture of the early twenty-first century.

Supports:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Thesis Sentence: