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Writing Topic Sentences Exercise

A topic sentence is usually one sentence that establishes the focus of your paragraph. In an essay for most of your college classes, your topic sentences should always appear at the beginning of your body paragraphs, usually the first sentence.

Exercise Directions: Create topic sentences based on the following thesis sentences:

1. Thesis 1: An education helps individuals get a better paying job, makes a person a more interesting individual and makes a person a more informed citizen.
 - A. Topic Sentence 1: When you make more money it means you can afford more luxury things.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: If you are a more interesting person it will help you to know who is also interesting
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: When you are more informed you are more likely to not make as many mistakes due to you being informed.

2. Thesis 2: Many people participate in the sport of bowling because it is not limited to any age group, it can be played at any time, and it does not require any expensive equipment.
 - A. Topic Sentence 1: Any age group can participate in bowling and which makes it more fun!
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Bowling at any time means you can have your friends over to enjoy the sport!
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Bowling doesn't require expensive equipment means it can be played at anytime

3. Thesis 3: While raising young children you must provide for their physical needs, provide for their emotional needs, and help them to grow mentally.

- A. Topic Sentence 1: When caring for children you should be able to provide for children physically
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: When caring for children you must be able to care for them mentally
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: When caring for children you must be able to care for them emotionally
4. Thesis 4: Plants, like humans, need water, sunlight, and food for healthy growth.
- A. Topic Sentence 1: Anything that is considered living needs water so would plant be different.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Without sunlight, the plant won't receive photosynthesis
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: If a human doesn't eat they will starve and won't grow and just like a plant won't if it doesn't get all of its nutrients.
5. Thesis 5: Some people save pictures, certain figurines, and news articles
- A. Topic Sentence 1: Saving pictures help you remember memories you have mad
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Saving certain figurines always feel you a piece of importance with you at all times.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Saving news articles can you remember important dates in history.
6. Thesis 6: Many celebrities — including professional athletes, actors, and musicians — do not make good role models.
- A. Topic Sentence 1: Celebrities show what hard work looks like
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Celebrities show what getting an education can get you one day
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Celebrities show you what holding onto a dream looks like
7. Thesis 7: If it were up to me to choose one item that embodies the culture of the early the twenty-first century to place in a time capsule for future generations, I would choose _____ for several reasons.
- Chose: Technology
- A. Topic Sentence 1: Technology helps when you need a better understanding
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Technology can give you answers faster than anything else ever could
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Having technology helps you to never have to rely on anyone else

8. Thesis 8: Despite its popularity, Facebook and other social media platforms can and has created serious problems.
 - A. Topic Sentence 1: Social Media influences its users in a negative way
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Social Media platforms are huge distractions to its users
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Social Media hacks into its user's technology