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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: Having a better paying job can give you a better opportunity to have things others cannot have.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: When you're educated, it makes you seem more interesting because you may know more subjects/topics to speak on.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: If you are not educated you will not know much about your country.

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: Bowling is a family game that you can play with anyone, anywhere.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: It doesn't matter what time of day it is, bowling is always an option.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Also, you do not have to go out and purchase anything expensive just to play, the supplies are there for you.

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: Having a child can be expensive because they need things like food, clothes, books, etc.

- B. Topic Sentence 2: When a child is sad, hurt, depressed, excited, they need you as a parent to be there with them every step of the way.
- C. Topic Sentence 3: If you are not teaching your child things they need to know, and remember for their future, they will not be able to mentally grow, they could forever think as a child.
4. Thesis 4: Plants, like humans, need water, sunlight, and food for healthy growth.
- A. Topic Sentence 1: Without water plants can become dehydrated and die, just like humans.
- B. Topic Sentence 2: Without sunlight the plants will not grow, they will shrivel up, and begin to fall off the stem to its death.
- C. Topic Sentence 3: If you do not feed your plants, it will die of starvation, just as a human would without food.
5. Thesis 5: Some people save pictures, certain figurines, and news articles
- A. Topic Sentence 1: Pictures can make good souvenirs.
- B. Topic Sentence 2: Figurines are different from memories, but can be a memory to some.
- C. Topic Sentence 3: News articles can be just as important to someone as an artifact, or souvenir, for it can remind them of an event or a time that means something to them.
6. Thesis 6: Many celebrities — including professional athletes, actors, and musicians — do not make good role models.
- A. Topic Sentence 1: Although, there are good celebrity role models who teach kids to be themselves, love themselves, not to smoke, to hold their heads up high, and more, there are also the celebrities who are always on television/the internet in drama or ruining their lives.
- B. Topic Sentence 2: Celebrities can use their voice to say things that people need to hear, which could cause kids to want to grow up and have the same motivation to make a change as well.
- C. Topic Sentence 3: However, celebrities do not always try to damage their lives on national television, nor do they try to go viral on the internet but, things happen.
7. Thesis 7: If it were up to me to choose one item that embodies the culture of the early twenty-first century to place in a time capsule for future generations, I would choose _____ mirror _____ for several reasons.

- A. Topic Sentence 1: A mirror could be used to remind someone you are who you are, do not let anyone steal your hope, nor your beauty.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Also a mirror can be used as a lesson that anything can fall apart or break if you give it the chance to, but it's up to you to decide to clean up the mess.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: More so, if a mirror can survive years of change, then so can you.
8. Thesis 8: Despite its popularity, Facebook and other social media platforms can and has created serious problems.
- A. Topic Sentence 1: The world is not as healthy as it used to be.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Too much screen time can cause damage to the eyes, and brain.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Sleeping with electronics, putting them in your bra, pants, etc. can cause cancer, etc.