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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: An good education helps individuals get a better paying job.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Also, a good education makes a person more interesting.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Finally, a good education makes a person a more informed citizen.

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: Many people participate in bowling because it is not limited to any age group
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Also, many people participate in bowling because it can be played at anytime.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Lastly, many people participate in bowling because it does not require any expensive equipment.

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 raising young children you must provide for their physical needs.

- B. Topic Sentence 2: Also, when raising young children you must provide for their emotional needs.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Therefore, when raising young children you must help them grow mentally.
4. Thesis 4: Plants, like humans, need water, sunlight, and food for healthy growth.
- A. Topic Sentence 1: Plants like humans for a healthy growth
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Likewise, plants need water for healthy growth
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Correspondingly, plants need sunlight for healthy growth.
5. Thesis 5: Some people save pictures, certain figurines, and news articles
- A. Topic Sentence 1: Some people save pictures
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Also, some people save certain figurines
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Furthermore, some people save news articles
6. Thesis 6: Many celebrities — including professional athletes, actors, and musicians — do not make good role models.
- A. Topic Sentence 1: Many celebrities may not make good role models because they curse a lot.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Many celebrities may not make good role models because they talk about drugs and sex a lot.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Many celebrities may not make good role models because they don't provide for their city or country with positive things
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 _____ for several reasons.
- A. Topic Sentence 1: First I would choose a cellphone to represent the 21st century because of the way phones are greatly used today.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Second I would choose a car because they are well needed in this century.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Third I would use some shoes because they are much more expensive nowadays

8. Thesis 8: Despite its popularity, Facebook and other social media platforms can and has created serious problems.
 - A. Topic Sentence 1: Drama has created problems on facebook and other social media platforms.
 - B. Topic Sentence 2: Hacking has created problems on facebook and other social media platforms.
 - C. Topic Sentence 3: Popularity has created problems on facebook and other social media platforms.