

SKILL

WRITING TOPIC SENTENCES

A TOPIC SENTENCE IS LIKE A THESIS STATEMENT FOR A PARAGRAPH. IT TELLS THE READER WHAT THE PARAGRAPH WILL BE ABOUT.

TOPIC SENTENCES ARE THE SUPPORTING REASONS FOR YOUR THESIS STATEMENT.

TOPIC SENTENCES LEAD TO EVIDENCE YOU HAVE DISCOVERED IN YOUR RESEARCH.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD TOPIC SENTENCE?

IT IS THE FIRST SENTENCE IN A BODY PARAGRAPH.

IT PUTS FORWARD AN ARGUMENT.

IT TELLS THE READER WHAT THE PARAGRAPH IS ABOUT.

IT IS SHORT, SIMPLE, AND CLEAR. IT MAKES A CLAIM THAT WILL BE PROVEN IN THE PARAGRAPH.

EXAMPLES OF TOPIC SENTENCES

HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS HAVE LOWER STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES.

THE UNITED STATES BENEFITS ECONOMICALLY FROM IMMIGRATION.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CAUSES OF WORLD WAR II WAS THE ARMS RACE BETWEEN BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

THE DEATH PENALTY DOES NOT PREVENT CRIME.