

TOPIC SENTENCES

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Name: _____

Date: _____



A TOPIC SENTENCE tells the reader what the paragraph will be about.

It gives direction and keeps the writing focused.

STRONG TOPIC SENTENCE

- States the main idea.
- Is clear and specific.
- Sets up the paragraph.

SUCCESS CRITERIA	SELF 	PEER 	TEACHER
1 It states the main idea of the paragraph.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 It is clear and specific, not too general.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 It is related to the overall topic or thesis.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 It sets up the paragraph and what follows.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 It is written as a complete sentence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 It is placed at the start of the paragraph.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



FEEDBACK & NEXT STEPS

What is strong?

What could be improved?



TIP: Revisit and revise your topic sentences to make your writing clearer and stronger.