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Homework due Feb. 7

Use the five types of topic sentences as your guide and craft a paragraph for each one on a separate sheet of paper. The paragraphs do not have to relate to one another, so feel free to write about five different subjects. Do your best with handwriting, but if you need to type your paragraphs, that's fine too. Use your notes to help you!

Remember these basic guidelines for a paragraph:

- Approximately five sentences of varying lengths (simple, compound, complex)
- Begins with a topic sentence, followed by three supporting sentences, and ends with a conclusion
- Proves, explains, or describes something

1. **List Statement:** tells the reader exactly what the paragraph will be about by listing three main ideas.

Ex: My favorite sports include soccer, football, and basketball.

2. **Number Statement:** does not list the main ideas but uses number words (several, many, few, etc.) to introduce a process or series of ideas

Ex: There are several things you can do to improve your cooking.

3. **Two Nouns and Two Commas:** starts with a noun followed by an appositive enclosed by commas to begin a descriptive paragraph

Ex: Neil Armstrong, an astronaut, was the first man on the moon.

4. **Occasion Position:** starts with a dependent clause and uses words such as when, whenever, even though, etc., followed by a dependent clause

Ex: Whenever we celebrate the holidays, we always go to Grandma's house.

5. **Grab the Reader's Attention:** start with a punchy thought-provoking or controversial sentence

Ex: My mother is the best cook in the world.