

Transitioning from Thesis to Topic Sentence

Directions: Read the paragraph below on crime. Write the topic sentence on the lines provided that is the best match for each paragraph. Then add the appropriate sentence to the closing paragraph. [2pts each]

Transitional Word	Topic Sentence
Firstly,	1. Crime sometimes exist because some people are being influenced by poor role models.
Additionally,	2. Crime is abundant because many people want more than they can afford.
Finally,	3. Crime exist because many people do not follow the laws of the land.
In closing,	4. People commit crime for various reasons.

Introduction using Anecdote Sample

Clayton was my good friend but he was found with a firearm. This wayward, young man obtained this gun from a friend he had in the United and it was unlicensed. Because Clayton had an illegal firearm in his possession, he almost faced jail time. Today, we will examine crime in The Bahamas. I firmly believe that crime exists in the Bahamas because people want more than they can afford, many persons do not respect the law, and some people are being influenced by poor role models.

Middle Paragraph 2

_____ To commence, the advertisements, which airs on cable television will make you feel as though the clothes you wear are not adequate. From Cadillac, to BMWs to Mercedes, the impression the media gives is that owning expensive cars is the key to a happy life. What happens when the salary we earn are not able to keep up the standards set by society? We become unhappy with our accomplishments and we yearn for more. Our desire for more can lead us down the road of crime.

Middle Paragraph 3

_____ For instance, those from the rich class rarely get punished. While, those who are from poorer sections of society receive harsher punishment. Because the poor feel they are not treated right, they take the law into their own hands. This mental attitude often leads to petty crime.

Middle Paragraph 4

_____ I met a young man last year and he shared with me that he was from two generations of gangbangers. In other words, his father was serving time for crime and his father before him had also served a ten year sentence for crime he had done in his early twenties. Some teens turn to crime because the adults in their lives have set that example for them follow. If teens are going to live a crime free life, they must be in an environment where good values are promoted.

The Closing Paragraph

_____. The government can create program after program , but if parents do not teach their children to be happy with their financial situation they are in, they will continue to want what other people have. Wanting what other people have puts us in a dangerous situation. Remember, happiness does not come from the abundance that we have but from the quality of our relationships. So, parents, please set good examples for your children. In so doing, we will lower the crime rate in The Bahamas.

Look up the definition of the following words:

1. Livelihood:	1. Property:	1. emulate
2. Proliferation	2. Injustice:	2. persuade
3. Materialism	3. Envy:	3. sentenced:
4. Avaricious	4. Punitive	4. ions:
5. Dissatisfied	6. Class structure:	5. enticing:
7. Lot:	8. affluent:	6. diverse:
8. Envy:	9. scot-free:	7. inculcate

