Grade 11 Types of Writing Review

Directions: Use expository, persuasive, descriptive or narrative to label each paragraph below. Next, identify the topic sentence of each paragraph. If there is no topic sentence, say no and state why.

Paragraph 1:

The coral reefs have been harmed in different ways. For example, people have broken off pieces of coral to make money. Secondly, to catch more fish, people drop sticks of dynamite into the water and this has blown up parts of the reefs. **In addition**, water pollution has encouraged the overgrowth of sea plants that grow near coral reefs which block the sun that the algae need. Obviously, if coral reefs are going to serve us for future generations, we must join hands to preserve them.

Types of Writing

Narrative Descriptive Persuasive Expository

Topic Sentence: _____

Transitional Word 1: _____ **Transitional word 2:** _____

Paragraph 2

Sadly, there are many unfortunate people in this world. Some are so unfortunate that they are unable to feed themselves. Although, they are tangled in a web of poverty, the Urban Renewal program attempts to provide for such people. This organization welcomes them with open arms. However, if this organization is going to continue to provide for the less fortunate, they need support from corporate citizens. Perhaps, they can host community concerts whereby students in the program perform skits, sing songs and do dances at a cost. The money that is raised could go to helping the needy and help to expand the services offered by Urban Renewal.

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Narrative Descriptive Persuasive Expository

Topic Sentence: _____

Transitional Word line 4: _____

Paragraph 3

Soon rumors began to spread and the kids faced their greatest fear: mommy isn't coming back. The kids were told that their mother went to the "States" to find a better way of life. Hopefully, she would send for them soon. A heartbreaking reality set in for

this 12 year old boy and his ten-year-old sister. They shared the same father that they never knew and he surely was not around when they needed him, especially right now.

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Narrative Descriptive Persuasive Expository

Topic Sentence: _____

Paragraph 4

"Over there," a tall, menacing soldier barked at us." Trembling I moved towards the door. "Please, whatever you do, don't hurt the children," teacher begged. The soldier made a swift blow to Mr. Bantu's head, knocking him out cold to the floor. In an instant teacher was gone. We were on our own now!

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Topic Sentence: _____

Paragraph 5

Have you ever had a family member or close friend murdered before? I have had the misfortune of losing a loved. Because of this experience, I think that all criminals should be put to death. If you leave them, they will continue to murder people. Let's make sure crime does not continue in this country!

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Narrative Descriptive Persuasive Expository

Topic Sentence: _____

Directions: Review the parts of a basic paragraph.

Parts of a Paragraph	Example
Topic Sentence	**The coral reefs have been harmed in different ways.**
Transition+ Supporting Detail 1	**For example**, people have broken off pieces of coral to make money.
Transition + Supporting Detail 2	**Secondly**, to catch more fish, people drop sticks of dynamite into the water and this has blown up parts of the reefs.
Transition+ Supporting Detail 3	**In addition**, water pollution has encouraged the overgrowth of sea plants that grow near coral reefs which block the sun that the algae need.
Transition+ Closing	Obviously, if coral reefs are going to serve us for future generations, we must join hands to preserve them.