

**This is midterm review presentation**

**topic & topic sentence**

**TOPIC**  
what the whole paragraph is about

**TOPIC SENTENCE**  
= sentence  
= having a topic and a controlling idea

**CONTROLLING IDEA**  
= shows the direction (of topic)

**Example: Paragraph 15**

**Topic** = Reasons for Playing Instruments

**Topic Sentence**  
= People play instruments for different reasons.  
= There are different reasons for playing instruments.

**Controlling idea** = different

**Example: Paragraph 16**

**Topic** = Differences Between Reptiles and Dinosaurs

**Topic Sentence**  
= Dinosaurs differ from (modern) reptiles in three main ways.  
= There are three differences between reptiles and dinosaurs.

**Controlling idea** = three

**supporting sentences**

**TOPIC**  
what the whole paragraph is about

**TOPIC SENTENCE**  
= sentence  
= having a topic and a controlling idea

**SUPPORTING SENTENCES**  
= giving details to the point mentioned in the topic sentence

**Paragraph 21**

**Topic** = A Great Tourist Destination

**Topic Sentence** = It (Washington D.C.) has some of the most interesting landmarks and tourists spots in the country.

**Controlling idea** = the most interesting

**Supporting Sentence:** those about 'Many monuments,' 'shopping and restaurants,' and 'White House Tour'

### Paragraph 26

**Topic** = Traveling between Rome and Paris

**Topic Sentence** = There are three good options for traveling between Rome and Paris.

**Controlling idea** = three good options

**Supporting Sentence:** those about 'fly,' 'train,' and 'bus'

### Concluding sentence

**TOPIC**  
what the whole paragraph is about

**TOPIC SENTENCE**  
= sentence  
= having a topic and a controlling idea

**SUPPORTING SENTENCES**  
= giving details to the point mentioned in the topic sentence

**CONCLUDING SENTENCE**  
= restating the topic sentence / summarising the information of ALL supporting sentences

### Paragraph 15

**Topic** = Reasons for Playing Instruments

**Topic Sentence**

= People play instruments for different reasons.

= There are different reasons for playing instruments.

**Controlling idea** = different

**Concluding Sentence** = In sum, there is not just one main reasons that people play a musical instrument.

### Paragraph 16

**Topic** = Differences Between Reptiles and Dinosaurs

**Topic Sentence** = Dinosaurs differ from (modern) reptiles in three main ways.

= There are three differences between reptiles and dinosaurs.

**Controlling idea** = three

**Concluding Sentence** = In conclusion, while reptiles and dinosaurs may seem very similar, they are actually quite different.

### Paragraph 21

**Topic** = A Great Tourist Destination

**Topic Sentence** = It (Washington D.C.) has some of the most interesting landmarks and tourists spots in the country.

**Controlling idea** = the most interesting

**Supporting Sentence:** those about 'Many monuments,' 'shopping and restaurants,' and 'White House Tour'

**Concluding Sentence** = In conclusion, although Washington D.C. does not have the large number of visitors that New York or Boston does, I think this city is one of the best destinations for tourists.

### Paragraph 26

**Topic** = Traveling between Rome and Paris

**Topic Sentence** = There are three good options for traveling between Rome and Paris.

**Controlling idea** = three good options

**Supporting Sentence:** those about 'fly,' 'train,' and 'bus'

**Concluding Sentence** = In conclusion, if you research each of these three travel options, you will find the best way for you to travel between Rome and Paris.

