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- 1. Does every topic sentence support the thesis statement?
- 2. Within each paragraph, is every sentence related to the topic sentence?

DEVELOPMENT

Are statements supported enough with reasons, examples, facts, anecdotes? Is enough evidence presented to convince a reasonable reader? Is enough explanation present so the reader understands clearly what the writer thinks?

Topic Sentence 1

Reasons/Examples

Reasons/Examples

Reasons/Examples

Topic Sentence 2

Reasons/Examples

Reasons/Examples

Reasons/Examples

Topic Sentence 3

Reasons/Examples

Reasons/Examples

Reasons/Examples

Thesis Statement:

Tests for thesis statements

- 1. Is it arguable?
- 2. Would a reasonable person care?
- 3. Does it avoid sweeping generalizations?
- 4. Does it lead toward the topic sentences?
- 5. Can it be reasonably developed in the required length of the paper?

Constructing a thesis

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