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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?

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?

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

Constructing a thesis

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