

## Topic Sentence and Paragraph Focus example

1. When moving on to your first middle paragraph look at your Main Reason #1 from your Argument Organizer, which also helped you write your thesis statement.
2. Now include that Main reason 1 in your first sentence of this middle paragraph.

Mr .Bosma's Example: Organizer had Main Reason 1 : Negatives of social media. -----→ **The first sentence in this paragraph needs to focus on this topic.**

**Topic Sentence Example:** **To begin**(transition words), from students barely keeping their eyes open during the day to suffering extreme anxiety, the negatives of social media use are well known.

3. After your topic sentence continue to look at your organizer for your own ideas and your research points to form sentences to explain your argument on that idea for the rest of the paragraph.
4. Remember to use commas with joining words like but, yet, and, so, as commas alone can't connect separate ideas.

**YOUTUBE VIDEO on Topic Sentences:** There is a Youtube Web link called How to Write a Topic Sentence under web links and here at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2R-9T9TgGnE>