

# Topic Sentence

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1. Did they begin with a transition?

the first place

not only ... but also

as a matter of fact

in like manner

in addition

coupled with

in the same fashion / way

in the light of

not to mention

to say nothing of

equally important

by the same token

In addition

also

too

as well

furthermore

Besides

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2. Does it give a general reason why labels are needed or not needed?
3. Does the sentence state their position? (We need labels on sugary drinks/we do not need labels on sugary drinks).

Evidence

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1. Did the writer state the article or the author the evidence came from?
2. Is the evidence specific?
3. Does the evidence support their position?

Reasoning

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1. Does the reason specifically address the evidence?
2. Does the reasoning explain why their evidence shows that labels are needed on sugary drinks or not needed?
3. Ask “So what” at the end of their reasoning? Is there more to add? If so, add it.

Closing



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1. Did they use a transition?

as can be seen

generally speaking

in the final analysis

all things considered

in the long run

given this points

as has been noted

for the most part

after all

in fact

in essence

altogether

overall

## Closing

2. *Did the author sum up their paragraph by stating their main point?*