



ANSWERS

1. A topic sentence is a sentence that summarizes the main idea of a paragraph.
2. In an argumentative or persuasive text, a thesis statement states the author's claim and often clues the reader as to how the author intends to develop the argument.
3. A good thesis statement: Unifies your essay; Is specific and easy to understand; presents an argument; can be supported with strong evidence.
4. A topic sentence gives unity to a paragraph. A thesis statement gives unity to an essay.
5. In the first paragraph