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Main Idea and Supporting Details

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Persuasion	PERSUASION: For your English II STAAR essay, you will be writing a <u>Persuasive</u> essay. In order to be persuasive, you as a writer have to convince your reader that your view is the correct view. Remember this term, you will need it!!! (VOGAB QUIZ!)
Topic	The topic or <u>Subject</u> of your paper is the general idea that your paper is about. For example, if you are writing a PERSUASIVE essay about why people should not smoke your TOPIC is " <u>Smoking</u> ."
Main Idea or Controlling Idea	The Main Idea, or Controlling Idea is defined as the <u>Main</u> point that is being stated in a speech, essay, article, or other work. Sometimes, STAAR questions can ask for the main idea or controlling idea of an individual paragraph. (STAAR could use either term, <i>main idea</i> or <i>controlling idea</i> .) This is important. The Big Main Idea refers to what the whole <u>paper</u> is about, the smaller main ideas are what each paragraph is about. In English II, we call these the reasons or the points that support your position in your thesis and we label them with the letters <u>A</u> , <u>B</u> , and <u>C</u> .
Thesis	In English II, we refer to the main idea for your essays as the <u>thesis</u> statement. It is usually found as your last sentence in your introductory paragraph. This sentence mentions the topic (Smoking) and the position you chose. WE NEVER TAKE <u>BOTH</u> SIDES in Eng II.
Topic Sentences	In English II, we refer to the body paragraphs with letters: A, B, C The main idea for <u>Body</u> paragraph 1 is "Main Idea A" or "Point A". The main idea for Body Paragraph 2 is "Main <u>Idea</u> B" or "Point B". The main idea for Body paragraph 3 is " <u>Main</u> Idea C" or "Point C". The very first sentence in each paragraph brings up the topic (Smoking for our example for today) and states the position (Smoking is bad) then states the POINT that is a reason for your opinion /position FOR THAT PARAGRAPH.
Supporting Details or Examples	The <u>Second</u> sentence in each body paragraph is the support, or the evidence. We also call these EXAMPLES in English II. This gives the reader <u>Proof</u> that your reasons are correct, believable, and true. Examples start with a phrase like " <u>For example</u> ," "As proof," or "As an example,"
Restated Thesis	The restated thesis should be reworded. One way to do this is to list your <u>Reasons</u> first and your position last. If your original thesis in the intro is "People should not smoke because the smell is terrible, it's bad for everyone around, and it is expensive." Then the restated <u>thesis</u> could be "Awful Odor, Poor health, and high costs are all reasons people should not smoke."

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1. Label the essay below with the terms in the box. Put the term in the box beside the essay.

Thesis Statement Topic Sentence A Topic Sentence B Topic Sentence C Restated Thesis

2. Circle the NAMED examples. (Hint: Proper Names are Always Capitalized.)

3. Box the transition words and persuasive words

4. Highlight A B C

Walking through cloud of disgusting cigarette smoke is the worst way to enter a store or a public place. Smoking is also one of the top causes of cancer throughout the world, since many people die every day due to their nasty habit. People should never smoke because of the terrible smell, the awful health effects and the cost of the habit.

Thesis Statement

Topic Sentence A

One reason that smoking is awful is because of the terrible smell of cigarettes. In an example, people took a survey on Match.com about how they would not date people who smelled like cigarettes. Smelling like an ash tray was definitely a top reason to not want to kiss someone. Obviously, nobody wants to be alone, so don't start a nasty habit like smoking.

Topic Sentence B

Not only are cigarettes smelly, but it's also bad for the lungs. Smoking causes cancer and Facebook shows plenty of side-by-side photos of a pair of black shriveled lungs next to a pair of healthy, red lungs. The impact of smoking on heart health, breathing, the immune system and many other bodily functions is too dangerous to compete with.

Topic Sentence C

Lastly, the third reason smoking is disgusting is that it costs too much money. In Hawaii and New York, cigarettes cost over \$10 a pack. For \$10 a day at 7 days a week, a smoker could save enough money to actually afford a trip to Hawaii. The reward for not smoking is definitely worth the effort to stop the awful habit.

Restated Thesis

Awful Odor, poor health, and high costs are all reasons people should not smoke. Smoking wreaks havoc on relationships, on health and on the wallet. Who would want to walk up to a fine girl or guy to say hello and be greeted with noxious fumes?