**Student Example**

Since I was young, I have been fascinated by computers. Living with only my mother and sisters in Africa, I learned a lot from my environment. My experiences enabled me to nurture life’s virtues such as hard work, imagination, diligence and an adventurous spirit. However, I was not part of a community that valued scientific innovation and research. The lifestyles of my childhood exposed me to situations that needed active problem solving and application of scientific knowledge. It was the problems I observed that helped develop my interest in Computer IT and Security. My interest made me determined to complete my high school diploma and continue to explore computers. Attending Springfield Technical Community College is a dream comes true in terms of my career and education goals. I am excited to continue my educational journey. I look forward to finally obtaining my ultimate goal, a degree in Computer IT and Security.

**Discuss**

1. What is the topic sentence? Is the topic sentence interesting?
2. What details support the topic sentence?
3. What is the concluding sentence? Does the concluding sentence wrap-up the paragraph?

**Student Example #2**

No matter where I am; I will make my dreams come true. I’m starting a new life in Springfield, MA. I have a child who makes my life more interesting and full of love. I always had the dream to be a nurse thanks to my grandmother, but being a mom I had to postpone my career. Also my mom always told me that the education make you a professional, so now I’m studying for my HiSET to be more close to my dream.

**Discuss**

1. What is the topic sentence? Is the topic sentence interesting?
2. What details support the topic sentence?
3. What is the concluding sentence? Does the concluding sentence wrap-up the paragraph?

**Student Example #3**

In the beginning, just a young girl who always thinking in her future, but even with a compass she don’t has an idea to where start. In 2012, I was recently graduated of High School with a good job in Administration at Edic College in Caguas, Puerto Rico. Then my life started with difficult decisions. Then, I arrived in December 15, 2012 with a new perspective of life. I never thought came to United States. I only had United States like an unreachable dream. Comparing Puerto Rico and Springfield MA, have a lot of differences not only the atmosphere and language is about economy and benefits, it’s all in one word FUTURE.

**Discuss**

1. What is the topic sentence? Is the topic sentence interesting?
2. What details support the topic sentence?
3. What is the concluding sentence? Does the concluding sentence wrap-up the paragraph?