The Research Project

Developing Topic and Transition Sentences
Creating Introductions and Conclusions

BOOM!
Topic Sentences

☐ Introduce your Subtopic paragraphs (mini thesis statement)

☐ Must include: Topic, Civilization, Subtopic
Hammurabi’s Code was a historical accomplishment of the Ancient Mesopotamians.

The beliefs and values of the Ancient Mesopotamians include both monotheism and polytheism.
Transition Sentence

☐ Provides a bridge between subtopic paragraphs.

☐ Include both subtopics in the sentence.

☐ Template: While __________ was important to Ancient Mesopotamian society, __________ also had a significant impact.
Introduction

- 3-4 Sentences
- Introductory Sentence (restate essential question)
- Bridging Sentence (connects essential question to thesis, introduce topic)
- Thesis Statement (includes 3 subtopics)
**Introduction**

- **Example Sentences**
  - **Intro:** The Ancient Mesopotamians are known for many historical accomplishments.
  - **Bridge:** This/These _____________ date(s) back to almost 3000 B.C. One of the major accomplishments is the development of writing and written law.
  - **Thesis:** Ancient Mesopotamian writing and law that I researched includes the Phoenician alphabet, Hammurabi’s Code, and the Ten Commandments.
Conclusion

☐ 4-5 Sentences

☐ Restate Thesis (Subtopics)

☐ Restate Topic - This is what you learned. Tell us your conclusions/knowledge you've gained!!!

☐ Restate Essential Question
Conclusion

☐ Examples

☐ **Restate thesis:** The Ancient Mesopotamians were known for their writing and written law which included the Phoenician alphabet, Hammurabi’s Code, and the Ten Commandments.

☐ **Subtopic sentences:** All of these accomplishments have great historical and modern value. The Phoenicians provided the first alphabet, which even the English alphabet has evolved from. The Babylonians and Israelites also left behind two critical sets of laws helping us to better understand their government and values. The main thing I have learned is that even ancient people needed structure and laws, and writing helped to allow this to happen. (this is the area where to you explain what you have learned and any conclusions you have drawn)

☐ **Restate essential question:** These significant historical achievements have helped me to develop a knowledge of the Ancient Mesopotamian society.
Do Work!

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