

Paragraphs--Topic sentences exercise

Topic sentence:

1. Introduces the subject to be taken up in a paragraph.
2. Makes a claim or offers enough information to fully explore in a paragraph. It is not a simple statement of fact.

Which is a better topic sentence?

1.

Mumia Abu-Jamal was convicted of murdering a police officer in Philadelphia in 1981.

Mumia Abu-Jamal's murder conviction shows that the U.S. criminal justice system is not always fair and impartial.

2.

In recent years, programs have been created specifically to recycle obsolete computers so that they don't leak toxic substances into the landfill soil.

Offices update their computer hardware on a regular basis and create waste.

3.

The 2010 census figures indicate that Americans are willing to accept a commute of an hour if moving to a distant area means that they can afford a larger house.

Americans spend an average of 24 minutes commuting to work, according to the 2010 census.