

Topic Sentence – Benjamin Franklin Name:	
Forming good topic sentences is crucial to writing successful reports. Below is the topic sentence of body paragraph within a biography on Benjamin Franklin. There are four detail sentences that shou come after the topic sentence. First, choose the four from the series of sentences below and then, form the paragraph. Start the paragraph with the topic sentence below. There are three additional sentence from those below that should be included. Topic Sentence: Benjamin Franklin was a crucial figure in the quest for independence.	
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Answers

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