**Practice with Topic Sentences**

**Dissect These Sample Topic Sentences**

Directions:

* Circle the debatable claim.
* Underline the summary of evidence.

1. Chocolate milk should not be served in school lunches because of its high sugar content.

2. My school lunch isn’t as healthy as it should be since it leaves me feeling sick and tired after I eat it.

3. People should feel free to eat chocolate on a regular basis, despite concerns about obesity in America, because consuming chocolate in moderation can have positive health effects.

***You Try!***

1. Now, return to your argument paragraph and summarize your evidence.
2. Add your claim to this summary of evidence using a conjunction such as “because” or “since.” And that’s a topic sentence!

***You Try Again!***

Rewrite your topic sentence so the summary of evidence is worded differently. And try a different conjunction.