"Pushing" My Thinking to "Pin Down" My Writing!

For example...
Another example is...
In addition...
This makes me realize...
This is important because...
This gives me the idea that...
The reason for this is...
Another reason is...
This connects with...
This is similar to...
I used to think..., but now I realize...
What I think this says about me is...
Many people think... but I think...
The "Meat of the Idea"
Thesis Statement and 3 Reasons

**Topic Sentence of Body Paragraph #1**
- **First** Supporting Detail with Explanation
- **Second** Supporting Detail with Explanation
- **Third** Supporting Detail with Explanation

**Topic Sentence of Body Paragraph #2**
- **First** Supporting Detail with Explanation
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**Topic Sentence of Body Paragraph #3**
- **First** Supporting Detail with Explanation
- **Second** Supporting Detail with Explanation
- **Third** Supporting Detail with Explanation

Bite Down on the "Bottom Line"

Repeat the Thesis Statement with a New Thought
It's (hard/easy) being the (youngest, oldest, middle child) in the family.

I have too many chores to do at home.

Your world is a better place when you have good friends.

Kids should exercise more often.

It's important for kids to be involved in sports.

___________ is the best subject in school.

Video games are/aren't good for kids to play.

My mom/dad is the best mom/dad in the world!

Television is bad for kids.

Having a pet is a big responsibility.

It's important to have different kinds of friends.

When you put your mind to it, you can do anything.

Coaches have a big influence on kids.

Riding the bus/walking to school can be difficult.

Being on time for things is important.

People in a family should support each other.

Camping trips are fun for a family.

Saturday is the best day of the week.
Grandparents are very important to children.

_________ grade was the best year in school.

It’s good to learn new things.

Doing well in school is hard work.

My dog is an important part of my family.

My neighborhood is the best place to live.

It’s important to always try your best.

_________ is a better sport to play than ____________.

Third graders need a longer lunch recess.

Reading is good for your brain.

It’s good to participate in Walking Club.

It’s fun to spend time with my family.

Hard work and practice is important to learning a sport.

Earning an allowance is an important experience for kids.
Today's Menu: Food for Thought and a Thesis! A Menu of Ideas!
Friends
Activities and Interests
My Own Thesis

Thoughts!

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