



## Transitional Topic-Clincher

### Transitional Clincher Sentence Rule

The clincher sentence repeats or reflects 2–3 key words of its topic AND repeats or reflects 1–2 key words of the following paragraph’s topic sentence.

Around 1770 BC, Hammurabi became **king of Babylon**.

*Five to seven sentences that support, prove, or illustrate the topic.* **King Hammurabi ruled** over all of southern Mesopotamia, which was now called the **Babylonian Empire**.

Hammurabi wanted his strong **empire** to be **governed** by **just laws**. *Five to seven sentences that support, prove, or illustrate the topic.* Desiring peace, Hammurabi required his people to obey his **laws** because they were **fair**.

King Hammurabi wrote down these **fair laws** and referred to them as the **Code of Hammurabi**. *Five to seven sentences that support, prove, or illustrate the topic.* The entire empire followed the **Code of Hammurabi**.

### Transitional Topic Sentence Rule

The topic sentence states its topic and repeats or reflects 1–2 key words from the previous paragraph’s clincher sentence.