



Thesis Statements and Topic Sentences Worksheet: Confederate Essay

Thesis Structure:

Although [SUMMARY OF CONCESSION], the confederate flag should/should not be permitted because [SUMMARY OF REASON 1] and [SUMMARY OF REASON 2].

Your thesis: Although _____,
the confederate flag should/should not be permitted because _____.

Topic Sentence 1: Concession Paragraph

It's undeniable that [SUMMARY OF THE IDEA YOU'RE CONCEDED, PHRASED DIFFERENTLY THAN THESIS]

Your first topic sentence: It's undeniable that _____.

Topic Sentence 2: Body Paragraph 2

Despite [RESTATEMENT OF MAIN IDEA OF PARAGRAPH 1], the Confederate flag should/should not be permitted because [REASON 1].

Your second topic sentence: Despite _____.

Topic Sentence 3: Body Paragraph 3

Even more significantly, the Confederate flag... [REASON 2].

Your third topic sentence: Even more significantly, _____.

RULES FOR TOPIC SENTENCES

1. They must always be arguments.
2. They should summarize the major argument of the paragraph.
3. They should always have transitional language.
4. They should be concise and clear.
5. They should never be questions, quotations, or the opinions of other people.