Connecting the Thesis and Topic Sentences

Directions: Revise the thesis and/or topic sentences in the following examples so that the topic sentences prove the thesis.

**Example #1**

**Thesis:** Smoking is bad for your health and should be taken into consideration.

TS 1: There are many reasons why people smoke cigarettes.

TS 2: The effects of smoking cigarettes are very bad.

TS 3: There has to be something we can do about cigarettes.

**Example #2**

**Thesis:** The MTA should not raise the fare until they can provide a better service.

TS 1: The fare increase is unfair because most people can't afford the extra fifty cents per ride.

TS 2: The MTA lied about having a surplus in their budget so they could raise fares.

TS 3: The MTA cut service to many stations.
Example #3

Thesis: It is almost certain that going to war with Iraq is the only way to stop Saddam.

TS 1: Saddam is a man that must be stopped.

TS 2: If we do not do what is necessary to Iraq, the world will never be the same.

TS 3: Going to war is the only way to stop Iraq and Saddam Hussein.

Example #4

Thesis: The school should let students go out for lunch because of the bad cafeteria food.

TS 1: The food in the cafeteria is often unappetizing and can even make students sick.

TS 2: Students need a break in the middle of the day.

TS 3: The cafeteria is too crowded.