Writing Topic Sentences

Prompt: What would make school less boring?

Write three things that would make school less boring:

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Constructing your topic sentence

T.S. = S + C. I. (topic sentence = subject + controlling idea)

Subject: ____________________________________________

Controlling idea: ______________________________________

Topic Sentence: _______________________________________
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ABOUT TRANSITIONAL WORDS AND PHRASES

Transitional words and phrases help move your audience through your essay without bumps and bruises. Without them, your sentences will seem choppy and boring. So, use them at the beginning of your sentences to create coherence in your essay. Topic sentences contain transitional phrases so that the reader can move smoothly through each Body Paragraph. Use a comma after each one.

After the introductory paragraphs:

Paragraph #1: At the beginning of your first topic sentence, use the transitional words or phrases: First of all, First, or In the first place

Paragraph #2: At the beginning of your second topic sentence, use the transitional words or phrases: Secondly, Next, or Equally important

Final Paragraph: At the beginning of your final topic sentence, use the transitional words or phrases: Lastly or Finally

Topic Sentence (if this is the first paragraph):

In the first place, although school is boring, there are ways to make it more fun.

Topic Sentence (if this is the second paragraph):

Secondly, although school is boring, there are ways to make it more fun.

Topic Sentence (if this is the final paragraph):

In conclusion, although school is boring, there are ways to make it more fun.