What is the difference between a THESIS and a TOPIC sentence?

THESIS- Main idea or argument that you are trying to prove (WHAT and WHY)- located in INTRODUCTION at the end

Statement with 3 reasons to support-

**OREOS are the best cookie because they taste good (1), are low in calories (2) and are perfect for lunches (3).**

TOPIC- Ties into the thesis- 3 topic sentences- at the beginning of each TEXT/body paragraph

Topic body paragraph 1- MUST talk about GOOD

Topic sentence of body #2- CALORIES

Topic sentence of body #3- COUNTERCLAIM- LUNCHES- Some people may say that Chips Ahoy cookies are the best for lunches, but Oreos are the best for lunches because they are small and easily packaged.

**What does a 5 paragraph essay look like?**

1. Introduction—LAST SENTENCE- THESIS—3 reasons (3 whys)
2. Body paragraph #1—TEXT paragraph
3. Body paragraph #2—TEXT paragraph
4. Body paragraph #3—TEXT paragraph—TOPIC SENTENCE is the COUNTERCLAIM sentence
5. Conclusion

Where is the COUNTERCLAIM located?

3rd body paragraph in the TOPIC sentence

What is the purpose of a COUNTERCLAIM?

Makes your argument stronger because you are DISPROVING another person’s argument. ONLY IN PERSUASIVE WRITING

What does a TIE-TO-THESIS sound like if my thesis is:

No one should eat appetizers at fancy dinners because everyone can eat bread for free!

Since anyone can eat delicious garlic bread for free, people should never order appetizers at fancy restaurants.

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