Statements to Consider Before Turning in an Essay
DePauw Writing Center

1. My paper is about _____________________________________________________________.

2. In it I argue that _____________________________________________________________.

3. This point/argument needs to be made because ___________________________________.

4. While some people who read (name of your text) might think _____________________,

   I want to draw their attention to ________________________________________________.

5. This argument needed to be made because some people might not know that ________________

   _____________________________________________________________.

6. The most important point in my paper is that ________________________________

   _____________________________________________________________.

7. The best thing about my paper is _____________________________________________

   _____________________________________________________________.

8. Before I turn this paper in, I want to work on ________________________________

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1 Adapted from Dr. Anne Frernald’s English 130 Lecture, Fall 2000.