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Q 21:

Statement 2 best supports the claim that students should have less homework. Let's analyze each piece of evidence one by one and determine how well it supports her claim. The first statement is evidence that is against what Sarah is trying to argue for. It states that students are not doing their homework to play video games. In that way, it is the students' fault that they are not able to complete their homework, as they procrastinate by playing video games. So, this statement does not support Sarah's argument. The third piece of evidence states why students are doing poorly on homework, i.e., they aren't learning about it in school. However, that is not relevant to Sarah's claim. Instead, it is a piece of evidence that suggests to improve the school's teaching style, rather than lessening the homework that students are given. So, the third statement is also unsupportive of Sarah's claim. However, the second statement is supportive of Sarah's argument. The second piece of evidence states that students are being given too much homework. Thus, they are not able to complete it when they should, and are staying late hours into the night just to finish it. In this way, they are not able to get the proper sleep they require. Lessening their homework will allow them to finish faster, and get a good night's sleep. Thus, only the second statement supports Sarah's claim that students should have less homework.

Q 22:

The informational text that I would want to write about is why companies should not choose plastic as a material to create their products. The reasons I would give to support this topic include:

1. Plastic is made from fossil fuels, whose mining and extraction from earth's crust is bad for the environment.

2. After most plastic is used, it cannot be recycled, thus ending up in landfills or in oceans, where they can be accidentally ingested by animals.

3. If plastic is incinerated due to lack of space for storage, it releases harmful toxins into the atmosphere, which can have a harmful effect on humans living near it.