**Lesson on Transitional Phrases**

In the Sample Research Paper, paragraphs 2 through 5 begin with topic sentences that have transition words and phrases. This is a requirement for your research paper too and for the “In-class assignment” discussed below.

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|  | **Sample Paper’s Transitions** | **Other Possible**  **Transitions** |
| Paragraph 2 | Firstly | In the first place, Initially, First of all, … |
| Paragraph 3 | Furthermore | Moreover, Additionally, Besides this, |
| Paragraph 4 (Counterargument) | Though | Nevertheless, Conversely, At the same time, Despite… |
| Paragraph 5 (Conclusion) | To sum up | In conclusion, In closing, Ultimately |