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1.

 Identify the topic sentence and supporting details in the following paragraph:

Topic Sentence

Although most people believe that man's best friend is a dog, I think it should be a cat.

Cats have been used as pets since the time of the pharaohs in Egypt. They have been found in countries all over the world. Obviously, cats have been the favorites of man for hundreds of years. I suppose cats are so well liked because they are gentle, friendly and easy to take care of.

Supporting Sentence

2.

## Sample & Exercise

□ Identify the topic sentence and supporting details in the following paragraph from Maya Angelou's I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings:

Topic Seffettee

The summer picnic gave ladies a chance to show off their baking hands. On the barbecue pit, chickens and spareribs sputtered in their own fat and in a sauce whose recipe was guarded in the family like a scandalous affair. However, every true baking artist could reveal her prize to the delight and criticism of the town. Orange sponge cakes and dark brown mounds dripping Hershey's chocolate stood layer to layer with ice-white coconuts and light brown caramels. Pound cakes sagged with their buttery weight and small children could no more resist licking the icings than their mothers could avoid slapping the sticky fingers.