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**Directions:** Circle the thesis that is either most specific; interesting; that can be argued; passes the “So what?” test.

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| **Sentences** | **Possible Thesis** |
| *How did skateboarding originate?* | Skateboarding was inspired by surfing. It started in Southern California in the 1970’s.  Or  Begun in the 1970’s in California, skateboarding is a popular activity that should be included in the school physical education curriculum.    Or  Skateboarding is both exciting and dangerous. Furthermore, a law should be passed that restricts young people from skating until they are 18. |
| *Why do writers have such a passion for telling their stories?* | Writers have great passion for telling stories.  Or  Writers tell stories to express themselves, create escape for others and help readers learn about the world. |
| *Who created dancing?* | The origins of dance are hard to trace but many believe they date back to prehistoric times.  Or  Dance is a human expression that tells stories, shows feelings for the opposite gender, and helps communicate religious rites. |