

Structure Practice

Source Topics

List the available topics found in each source.

Source Text A

Source Text B

Source Text C

Russia

Russia

Russia

Eastern Europe

Eastern Europe

China

China

China

other countries



Students often confuse subjects and topics. The subject of the report is the entire thing being written about. In this case, the subject is communism. The topics are the divisions—the things within the subject. Students will choose a specific topic about communism (in Russia, in Eastern Europe, in China) to write for this paragraph. All the facts gathered should support, prove, or illustrate the chosen topic.

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Sample

Source Outlines

The topic sentence tells what a paragraph is about.
Write the topic of your first paragraph on the line below.

1 paragraph = 1 topic

First Topic: communism in Russia

Using key words, write the topic on the Roman numeral line of each source outline. Each topic line will have the same words. Look at the appropriate paragraphs of the source texts and note three to five interesting facts about the topic.

Source A: *"The History of Communism"*

I. Topic: Russia, 1st, communist, country

1. 1917, after, ppl, revolted, tsar

2. Vladmir Lenin, Bolsheviks, control

3. promised, ppl, better, lives

(4.) spread, com countries, → Soviet Union

(5.) X better, dictators, brutal

Source B: *"The Rise of Communism"*

I. Topic: Russia, 1st, communist, country

1. Lenin, control, w/Red Army

2. executed, imprisoned, opposition

3. Soviet Union = USSR

(4.) after, Lenin, Stalin

(5.) 1,000,000s, XX, "reign of terror"

Sample

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Source C: *"Communism Today"*I. Topic: *Russia, 1st, communist, country*1. *1991, USSR, broke*2. *communism, ended, Russia*3. *Russia, independent, nation*

(4.) _____

(5.) _____

Fused Outline

Place the topic you are writing about on the topic line. Select five to seven facts from the source outlines to transfer to the fused outline.

I. Topic: *Russia, 1st, communist, country*1. *1917, after, ppl, revolted, tsar*2. *Lenin, control, w/Red Army*3. *executed, imprisoned, opposition*4. *spread, com countries, → Soviet Union (USSR)*5. *after, Lenin, Stalin*(6.) *1,000,000s, XX, "reign of terror"*(7.) *comm, ended, Russia, USSR, 1991***Clincher**

Tell back the facts on the fused outline in complete sentences. Fix any notes you do not understand. For the clincher, repeat or reflect two or three key words from the topic line.

The #6 vss must contain a written subject and verb.

Challenge advanced students to include a strong verb so that their very short sentences pack a punch.

UNIT 6: SUMMARIZING MULTIPLE REFERENCES

New Style**#6 Vss Opener**

In this lesson you will learn another sentence opener: the #6 very short sentence (vss).

This opener is simply a short sentence that contains two to five words. Remember that variety in sentence structure is important in good writing. In each paragraph you should have some sentences that are long, some that are of medium length, and some that are short.

Purposefully adding a very short sentence will help break up the pattern of sentences in a stylish way. It catches the reader's attention. As a result, it is best placed in a spot where you would like to emphasize something. Here is a portion of Source A, which contains a very short sentence.

A few months later in October, Vladimir Lenin and his communist group, the Bolsheviks, took control. They executed the entire royal family as well as their cook, doctor, and valet, just to demonstrate their power. [6] They showed no mercy. The communists took control of everything and promised the people that they would provide a better life for them.

Notice:

1. A very short sentence contains at least two but no more than five words. Each word counts as one.

Joseph Stalin led the Communist Party. (not a vss)

Although *Joseph Stalin* is one name, it counts as two words.

2. A very short sentence is a complete sentence. It is not a fragment.

Millions died. (sentence)

Terror everywhere! (fragment)

3. To indicate a very short sentence, label it with a 6 in the left margin or place a [6] right before the sentence.

Practice

Write a sentence with a #6 vss opener. Label it with a [6].

[6] Stalin replaced Lenin.



From now on, each paragraph you write should include a #6 vss opener. Label it with a 6 in the margin or place a [6] before the sentence.

Style Practice

Sentence Openers

The checklist will require that you include all of the sentence openers you have been introduced to thus far. Write sentences that can be used in your paragraph.

1. #2 prepositional opener _____
 _____ *[2] After the takeover the communists executed any who opposed them.* _____
2. #3 -ly adverb opener _____ *[3] Eventually communism ended in Russia.* _____

3. #6 vss opener, 2–5 words _____ *[6] Lenin spread communism.* _____

Dress-Ups

Look at your KWO and consider where you can include various clauses as well as strong verbs, quality adjectives, and -ly adverbs. When you write your paper, follow your checklist!

Vocabulary Practice

Think about vocabulary words that would work well in your assignment. Write two sentences.

_____ *The destitute Russian people revolted against the tsar and ousted him.* _____

_____ *People's lives were devastated by deplorable conditions under communism.* _____