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Chapter 2 Lesson 1 (pp. 24–26)

Write Clear Topic Sentences**Activity A** Write a topic sentence for each paragraph below.**Tip**

In your topic sentence, include a clear main idea that connects all of the supporting details in the paragraph.

1. From 1876 to 1965, Jim Crow laws mandated “separate but equal” public facilities for African Americans and whites. African Americans were forced to attend all-black schools and eat at all-black restaurants. Early attempts to end this segregation paved the way for the Civil Rights Act of 1965. That law passed under President Lyndon B. Johnson. This act outlawed all racial segregation in public domains. This period was one of many hardships African Americans had to overcome.

2. In 1955, Rosa Parks broke the law by refusing to give up her bus seat to a white person. Her actions spurred the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr., organized a march on Washington and gave his historic “I Have a Dream” speech. The overwhelming turnout of supporters helped gain momentum towards the Civil Rights Movement in the late 1960s. In 2008, the first African American president, Barack Obama, was elected. This was a triumphant moment for African Americans.

**Activity B** Write a paragraph about an important historical event. Make sure your paragraph has a clear topic sentence and at least three supporting details.
