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Research Paper Final Thesis and Topic Sentences

Thesis: Although recent books and movies brought much-needed attention to the contribution of African American scientists and mathematicians like Katherine Johnson, her work in the NASA space program and to advance equal rights in the workplace deserves more recognition by the US Government.

1. Made famous by Margot Lee Shetterly's 2016 book, *Hidden Figures*, Katherine Johnson and her fellow "computers," African American women who performed intricate math calculations, provided invaluable support to the NASA scientists and astronauts who eventually landed on the moon.

2. Although Johnson would face many obstacles as an African American woman, she tirelessly fought for recognition and advancement at NASA.

3. Sentence #3

4. Sentence #4

5. Sentence #5

REMEMBER

1. Topic sentences should not include the introduction and conclusion: these are for body paragraphs only.
2. You should have a minimum of 5 topic sentences but may have as many as 8 or more.
3. Topic sentences should be considered "sub-sections" of your thesis / argument.
4. You will most likely have more than 5 paragraphs in your research paper, meaning that these sentences do not represent every paragraph in your paper, rather they represent each "section."
5. Topic sentences should be written in the order they are likely to appear in your paper and include transitions from one section to the next.