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Research Paper Final Thesis and Topic Sentences

Proverb: The fuller the cup, the more carefully it must be carried.

Thesis: This Anglo-Saxon proverb about the dangers of success reveals man's unending lust for treasure and the idolization of earthly luxuries, as he attempts to live a life of comfort and ease rather than a life of worship and devotion to God.

1. As with many Anglo-Saxon texts, the "cup proverb" has no author attached to it; however, this wisdom includes a rich background of northern European warrior culture that worshipped the idea of treasure hordes.

2. Sentence #2.

3. Sentence #3

4. Sentence #4

5. Sentence #5

6. Sentence #6

\*\*\*REMEMBER\*\*\*

1. You should have a minimum of 6 topic sentences, but may have as many as 10 or more.
2. Topic sentences should be considered "sub-sections" of your thesis / argument.
3. You will most likely have more than 6-10 paragraphs in your research paper, meaning that these sentences do not represent every paragraph in your paper, rather they represent each "section."
4. 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.
5. Every topic sentence should have some argumentative element within it.