



# Universal Appeal

## Writer's Tip

- The *topic sentence* should clearly state what your article is going to be about.
- Include *supporting details* that give more information about the topic.

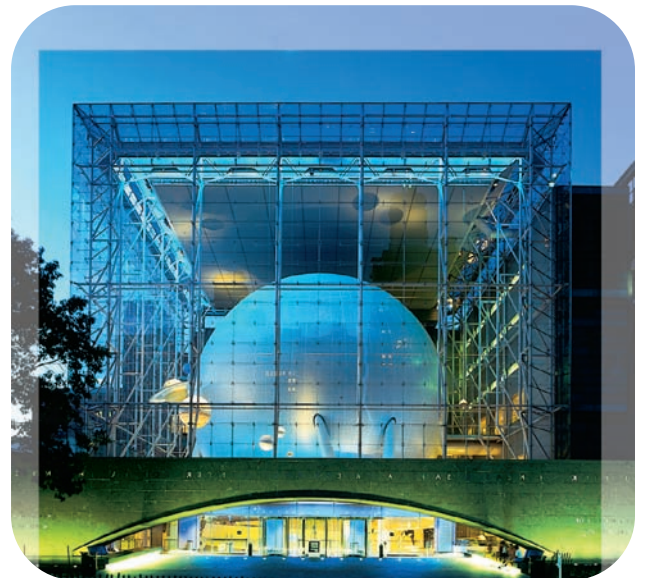
The space show at the Hayden Planetarium in New York City is a state-of-the-art experience. It gives visitors a virtual ride to the stars.

One reason the show is so realistic is the Zeiss Mark IX projector. The Zeiss throws 9,100 points of light onto the theater's dome ceiling. These lights twinkle just like real stars. The Zeiss also projects images of the sun and planets. And its zoom feature gives visitors a close-up view of planet surfaces.

Another innovation that makes the show more realistic is the Digital Galaxy software. This software generates 3-D images that are based on what NASA scientists see from their research laboratories.

Sound plays a role in the space show experience, too. A special system tracks the sound of objects moving across the sky. And speakers wired into each seat vibrate at “lift off,” when the show begins.

Director of the Hayden Planetarium Neil de Grasse Tyson has always been a big fan of the stars — real ones. He hopes the latest technology will help visitors understand the vastness and beauty of space.



## Topic Sentence/Supporting Details

- ▶ Reread the passage. Underline the topic sentence. Circle three supporting details. Then write them on the lines below.

**Topic Sentence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Details:**

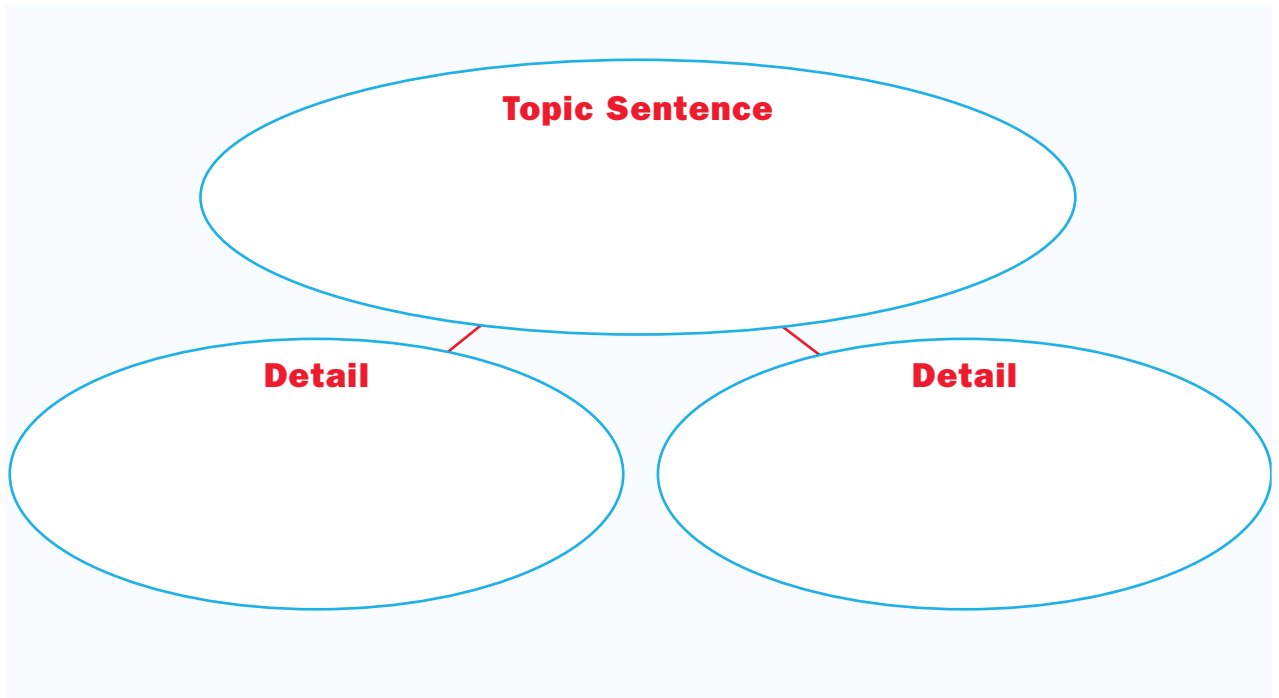
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## Your Turn

- ▶ Think of a topic you would like to write an informative article about. It could be something you learned about in science class. Fill in the chart to organize your ideas.



- ▶ Use your graphic organizer to write an opening for your article. Include a topic sentence and a few supporting details.