Informative Topic Sentences

Grade 3 Writing Worksheet - Challenge Me

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Circle the answer, or write your answer on the lines.

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   Ben Franklin was a famous inventor.
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   Ben Franklin printed books and newspapers.

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   In fall, leaves change color as trees get ready for winter.
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4. Which topic sentence is too broad for a short paragraph about how spiders build webs?
   Some spider silk is very sticky.
   Spiders spin webs in a few careful steps.
   Animals build many kinds of homes.
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   Topic sentence _____

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   Closing sentence _____

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