Informative Topic Sentences

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

1. Title: "Why Leaves Change Color." Which topic sentence matches the title?
   In fall, leaves change color as trees get ready for winter.
   Maple leaves can turn bright red.
   Trees give us shade and fresh air.
   Fall is the most beautiful season.

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   Spiders spin webs in a few careful steps.
   Animals build many kinds of homes.
   Some spider silk is very sticky.
   Spider webs look beautiful in the morning.

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   Flashing red lights warn drivers to stop.
   School buses should have seat belts too.
   Buses, cars, and trains all help people travel.
   School buses have many features that keep riders safe.

4. Facts: Ben Franklin printed a newspaper. He invented a new kind of glasses. He helped write the Declaration of Independence. Which topic sentence covers all three?
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   Ben Franklin printed books and newspapers.
   Ben Franklin was a famous inventor.
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Topic sentence _____

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Closing sentence _____

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the topic sentence is about how bicycles changed over time; the closing sentence wraps up the same idea.