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TOPIC SENTENCE: *The Cricket in Times Square*

On the lines below, write two (2) possible topic sentences in answer to the following essay prompt. Remember, a strong topic sentence is: **the single sentence answer to the writing prompt.**

As such, a good topic sentence must have each of the following characteristics:

* It must be a **complete thought** (containing both a subject and a verb).
* It must directly and fully **answer the writing prompt**.
* It must be **strong**: containing active verbs, showcasing tasteful adjectives and adverbs, and using word economy.

***According to The Cricket in Times Square, what does it mean to be a friend?******(Or insert example essay prompt here)***

Topic sentence #1:

Student answer here

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Topic sentence #2:

Student answer here

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