Persuasive Writing
Introductory Paragraph Review

Directions: Read the introductory paragraphs. Based on the preview of main points, determine what the next paragraphs will be about.

1. The other day when I was walking to school, I saw a street cleaner sit in the truck while his partner did all of the work. Both of those people were getting paid. People need to take street cleaning more seriously. Street cleaning is important because it decreases the pollution, it gives our city a better look, and it increases employment.

What will the first body paragraph be about? _______________________________________________
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What will the second body paragraph be about? _____________________________________________
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What will the third body paragraph be about? _______________________________________________
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2. Have you ever really needed to go somewhere and did not have transportation? People under the age of 14 should be able to drive. They should be able to drive because they might have woken up late and no one is home. Another reason is that on winter days it might be so cold that people could get bad frost bites. And also, they would be able to help with errands and picking up brothers and sisters.

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More on the back…
3. Should students get a reward if they stay out of trouble and do well in school? They should give us a football team because we’ve had good behavior all year since school started. It would keep us out of trouble and we have many talented athletes in football at our school.

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What will the third body paragraph be about? 

4. Do students learn more when they are hungry? I don’t think so. We should have a vending machine at our school because people get hungry in the middle of the day, it would raise money for sports and clubs, and students would learn more.

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What will the second body paragraph be about? 

What will the third body paragraph be about? 

5. Eight out of twelve students in my reading class believe we should start a debate team. I believe a debate team would help us turn our negative energy into positive energy. It also would help us stay off the streets and out of harms way. A debate team would not only teach us discipline but it would help us better our vocabulary.

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