## Subtopics and Transitional Sentences Format

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**Thesis:** Government programs and school-based initiatives are dramatically improving student performance in certain inner-city schools by addressing funding issues, inadequate teacher preparation, lack of community support, and a social atmosphere that discourages academic pursuits.

**Subtopics:**

A. Problems with Urban Schools (general overview)

B. Funding Issues

C. Inadequate Teacher Preparation

D. Lack of Community Support

E. Atmosphere of the School

F. Successful Government Programs

G. Successful School-Based Initiatives

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1. Problems with Urban Schools (general overview)

**Transitional Topic Sentence**: Many of the problems that are associated with urban schools can be traced directly to the system of school funding that distributes a disproportionate amount of money to wealthy suburban districts at the expense of struggling inner-city schools.

1. Funding Issues

**Transitional Topic Sentence:** Even if funding issues were adequately addressed, however, problems of inadequate teacher preparation would still limit the ability of inner-city schools to successfully educate children; ironically, many teachers have not been taught what they need to effectively instruct pupils in urban environments.

1. Inadequate Teacher Preparation

**Transitional Topic Sentence:** Since teachers have not been properly trained and supported …