APA Topic Statement Checklist

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| **Assessment Task 1. Scoping Your Research Topic**  |
|  | **Title:[10-13 words]**

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| Names important variables, constructs, or theoretical issues? |
| Identifies the relationship between variables or constructs? |
| Makes sense standing alone? |
| Population mentioned when population is important? |

**Opening paragraph**

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| Starts with a description of the problem area? |
| What's the point? Significance of the topic - why should anyone want to read it? |

**Follow-up paragraphs [no more than 3]**

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| Logical transition from paragraph to paragraph |
| Gaps in the literature identified? |
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