**What is a THESIS statement and how do I write one?**

*A thesis statement is the* ***main idea*** *of your paper. It is* ***one sentence*** *that is placed at the end of your* ***introductory paragraph.*** *It is the argument, angle or perspective you will need to* ***support*** *your point of view.*

*A thesis* ***informs*** *the readers of the intention, purpose, or plan of the writer. It is the* ***main*** *discussion topic. It stands out indicating the* ***point****, around which the writer* ***builds arguments****,* ***presents facts****, and tries to* ***prove a point****.*

*Writing a thesis statement is just like giving someone (your reader) good* ***directions*** *or a* ***road map****. When someone reads your paper, the directions (the thesis statement) should be* ***clear*** *and* ***up front****. A reader shouldn't have to wander through your writing and try to* ***figure out*** *your point.*



**Step 1: Create a question about your topic.**

 What is your topic? My topic is Superman.

 Form a question: ***Why is Superman so cool?***

**Step 2: Finding reasons. Find at least 3 reasons!**

 What are some of the reasons Superman is cool?

1. Superman can fly.
2. He saves people from danger.
3. Superman is really strong.

**Step 3: Putting it all together. We need to take the information from steps 1 and 2 and combine it.**

Make sure to ANSWER your original question!

***Why is Superman so cool?***

Superman is so cool because…
**(Part 1)**

… he is strong, helps people in danger, and he can fly.

**(Part 2)**

\*\*\*Remember: Your Thesis is your **road map** for writing your paper. Make sure you write about what your thesis says!!

**Now you try!!**

**Step 1: Create a question about your topic.**

 What is your topic? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Form a question: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2: Finding reasons. Find at least 3 reasons!**

 What are some of the reasons \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

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**Step 3: Putting it all together. We need to take the information from steps 1 and 2 and combine it.**

Make sure to ANSWER your original question!

Place your original question here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Restate it: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_because…
**(Part 1)**

… List your 3 reasons here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Rewrite your final THESIS here with correct punctuation and grammar: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**