**Thesis Worksheet**

A Thesis Statement:

* tells the reader how you will interpret the significance of the subject matter under discussion.
* is a road map for the paper; in other words, it tells the reader what to expect from the rest of the paper.
* directly answers the question asked of you. A thesis is an interpretation of a question or subject, not the subject itself. The subject, or topic, of an essay might be World War II or Moby Dick; a thesis must then offer a way to understand the war or the novel.
* **makes a claim that others might dispute.**
* is usually a single sentence somewhere in your first paragraph that presents your argument to the reader. The rest of the paper, the body of the essay, gathers and organizes evidence that will persuade the reader of the logic of your interpretation.

The thesis statement is located at the **end of your introductory paragraph** and sets up the flow of the paper by showing your view and the **three** key reasons why you feel that way.

When creating a thesis statement, you want to know the following:

1. What is the question?
2. What is my opinion on this question?
3. What are at least three reasons why I feel this way?

You will then plug those answers into the following formula:

**{The answer to my question, including what the question is}** because **{reason 1}, {reason 2}** and **{reason 3}.**

**Create your Thesis Statement**

Answer the following three questions.

1. What is your topic question?
2. What is your view?
3. What are at least three reasons why you feel that way? *Remember, you want them to be simple (not detailed), but still focused.*

Now, using this and the formula on the other page, write your thesis statement.

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