



Thesis Generating Exercise

1. Restate the question your essay will answer.
2. In one or two sentences, state your major claim. — What do you think is true?
3. In one or two sentences, state your major reason. — Why is this true?
4. Now, try to write a clear, direct argumentative thesis. (This is true ... because (therefore) ... of this (these) reason(s).)
5. What are the primary opposing positions to your thesis?
6. What reasons will you offer to prove or demonstrate that your position is stronger?