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**Team H LA – Allen/Stine**

**How to Write a Thesis Statement**

**Definition:**

Your thesis statement should be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sentence in the introductory paragraph.

What is the purpose of a thesis statement?

1. To put your main idea into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. To better \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your opinion or argument.
3. To provide your readers with a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” or “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” to your opinion or argument.

**How to Generate a Thesis Statement**

1. The Thesis should answer a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that will give the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of your essay.
   * + The first step is to understand the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** posed by the essay.
2. Secondly, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the question. The answer is the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for the essay.
3. Lastly, that answer must be provided with **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Example:

Question: *Should Cell phones be allowed in school?*

Brainstorm three reasons why cell phones should or should NOT be allowed in school.

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Using your three reasons, write a thesis:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**How do you tell a strong thesis from a weak thesis?**

* A strong thesis takes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It states your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* A strong thesis expresses \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**In Review: Forming a Thesis**

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**Exercise: With your table groups, write a thesis for each topic.**

1. Why is a good education crucial for being successful in life?
2. Should schools keep detentions or eliminate them?
3. Should teachers on Team H give homework?
4. Should schools change to year round school?
5. Is technology necessary in education?