Writing a Thesis Statement

Name: _____   **Due Date:** _____

Topic: _____

Write the thesis statement for your paper. Your thesis will state your stance on the issue and illustrate how you intend to support your position.

1. List 3 arguments that support your viewpoint on the topic. You may refer to the facts and opinions provided in STEP 3.

My Viewpoint:	Supporting Arguments:
	1.
	2.
	3.

> **ASK!**
> *Has your viewpoint changed?*

2. Compose your thesis statement. Follow this formula to help compose your thesis:

Clearly Stated Opinion + Specific Supporting Arguments = Thesis

> **TIP!**
> *Avoid writing in the first person.*

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> **ASK!**
> *Have I clearly expressed my position?*
> *Is my thesis specific and focused?*
> *Will my thesis statement trigger thoughtful debate?*