Write a Thesis Statement

The best thesis statement is written after you have done some research on your topic. It usually consists of three parts:

1. Your topic
2. Your position on the topic
3. Evidence-based reasons for your position

**Thesis template:** [my topic] is/contributes to/ [my position on topic] because of [reason 1], [reason 2] and [reason 3]

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**Example 1:**

Facebook leads to a **decline in student grades** because it **takes up time** a student could spend studying. It leads to attention deficit disorder and causes depression.

**Example 2:**

In terms of rhythm, the tendency to sample the melodies of the day, and musical structure, **there are undeniable similarities** between **hip-hop and classical music**.

**Example 3:**

It should be illegal to own **pet giraffes in the city** because they eat all the shrubs, it is hard to clean up after them, and they damage property.

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A common obstacle to creating a good thesis statement may occur if you choose a topic that is either too broad or too narrow.

If a topic is too broad your thesis will be vague; if it is too narrow it will be difficult to find evidence to back up your claim.
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Time to Practice!

1. Your topic:__________________________________________________________

2. Your position on the topic:__________________________________________

3. Evidence-based reasons for your position:
   a. ______________________________________________________________
   b. ______________________________________________________________
   c. ______________________________________________________________

Working Thesis Statement:

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Expect to modify this Working Thesis Statement as you do more research, think more about your topic, and consult your professor.

Final Thesis Statement:

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