How to Write a Thesis Statement

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# **Three parts:**

1. An Observation, Question, or Problem
2. A Claim, Answer, or Solution
3. Evidence, Reasons, and Facts

An \*observation, question or problem\* leads to a \*claim, answer, or solution\* which is explained through \*evidence, reasons, and facts.\*

# **Three patterns:**

1. If this is true, then that must be true because of this.  
     
   If this \*observation, question, problem\* is like this, then this \*claim, answer, solution\* must be true because of \*evidence, reasons, and facts.\*
2. This should be understood this way because of that.  
     
   The \* observation, question, problem\* is something like this \*claim, answer, solution\* because of \*evidence, reasons, and facts.\*
3. This should be done this way because of that.  
     
   This \*observation, question, problem\* should be \*claim, answer, solution\* because of \*evidence, reasons, and facts.\*