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## Thesis Worksheet

The thesis statement is like a roadmap to your project. It explains to the reader what you intend to prove, how you will prove it, and why it is important. The statement begins with an argument, then examples of how you will prove your argument, and ends with why it is important. Below is an example.

**The students at St. Mary School are great kids because they are smart, athletic, and personable; therefore, they are accepted at all the high schools in the area.**

1. Write your topic in the space below. (Remember Innovation in History: Impact and Change)

2. Write your position or argument in the space below. (Remember Innovation in History: Impact and Change)

3. Write your reasons or proof in the space below. (Remember Innovation in History: Impact and Change)

4. Write the significance/importance of the argument. (The so what) (Remember Innovation in History: Impact and Change)

5. Put it all together in one (or 2) action packed sentence(s). This is your present working thesis. (Remember Innovation in History: Impact and Change)

Now examine your thesis and check it against these points:

1. Does it express your stand on the issue?
2. Does it prompt discussion?
3. Have you clearly expressed just one idea, or have you made clear the relationships among the ideas in your thesis statement?
4. Is the language of your thesis specific?
5. Can you revise it to make it clearer, more succinct, more engaging?
6. Does your thesis statement suggest WHY you take the stance you do?