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**/**a question**/**or a problem** is connected to **a claim**/**an answer**/**or a solution** which is explained as being true 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 these, evidence/reasons/facts.
2. This should be understood this way because of that.  
     
   The observation/question/ problem is something like this claim/ answer/ solution because of these evidence/reasons/facts.
3. This should be done this way because of that.

This observation/question/problem should be done like this claim/ answer/solution because of these evidence/reasons/facts.