

Thesis Statements Worksheet

Topic

Write down your topic. Example: book banning

Narrow your topic

What's significant about your topic? Example: removing books from school libraries and/or curriculum

Ask "how" or "why" questions about your topic

This helps narrow your topic even further. Example: Why should/shouldn't certain books be banned? How do people determine whether a book is appropriate for students?

Answer above questions

Make sure you take a position/stance on your topic. Example: Certain books shouldn't be banned because it denies students' ability to reflect on and empathize with certain topics such as graphic violence and/or racial discrimination.

List your thesis statements

Make a list of what you think would be good thesis statements for your topic. When you're finished, circle which one you think is the best.

