



## How to Write a Strong and Effective Thesis Statement: Practice Sheet

The magic formula:

- (A) **What do you think?** What is your primary argument (opinion)?  
(B) **Why do you think it?** What are some reasons that support your argument?  
(C) **How is it true?** How can your reasons be proven? What evidence can you use to support them?

Thesis = Due to (summary of B + C), A is true.

**Practice Question (or use your own):** Is technology restricting human imagination?

**Step 1:** What do you think? Do you believe that technology is restricting human imagination? In other words, does technology cause people to have less of an imagination or creativity?

**Step 2:** Write down some possible reasons for **why** you believe your opinion is true.

**Step 3:** How can your reasons be proven? What would you need to research more specifically? (Hint: specific groups of people, specific areas, specific times and dates, etc)

**Step 4:** What do your claims have in common? Can you connect any common themes or ideas in your claims and / or evidence? Write down any connections you can make below.

**Step 5:** Now that you have made some connections, are you able to summarize them more clearly in one declarative sentence? Try writing some attempts at sentences below.

**Step 6:** Now, connect the summary of your claims (B and C) into one main idea and express how that proves or is connected to your opinion (A).

**Example template:** Therefore, due to [summary of B and C], [A].

**Working thesis statement (this could change later):**

**Remember:** By expressing “therefore” before your thesis statement, your introduction should introduce a summary of your main claims as you did for Step 2 of this process. A strong thesis statement is a main claim that can be supported by other claims and evidence; you should know these already before arriving at your thesis or working thesis.