

Thesis Statements Worksheet

Topic

Write out your topic. For example: Book banning

Narrow your topic

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

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

This helps narrow your topic even further. For 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. For example: Certain books shouldn't be banned because it denies students' ability to reflect and empathize with certain topics such as graphic violence and/or sexual themes.

List your thesis statements

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