Developing Your Thesis Statement

Remember, your thesis statement is a strong sentence that contains a point of view, opinion, or an idea that is arguable. In other words, it is a statement you can prove by the use of the information, data, facts, etc. that you have gathered, analyzed and synthesized.

Use this process to develop a strong statement:

1. Choose a Topic
   - Arctic wildlife habitats

2. Narrow it with another element
   - Arctic habitats and global warming

3. Make a statement
   - Arctic habitats are changing because of global warming

4. Make the statement stronger and more specific
   - Arctic habitats of Alaska are changing because the government is not addressing global warming

5. Compose a thesis statement that can be argued and supported with evidence.
   - Alaskan arctic habitats are being altered due to a lack of action by the U.S. government concerning global warming.

Remember, your thesis statement is NOT necessarily a TRUTH. It is a claim that can be argued and supported with evidence.

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