Thesis Statement—Practice

A thesis statement is the main topic sentence of your paper. It should be the last sentence of your introductory paragraph. A thesis statement has two parts: 1) the answer to the question and 2) your reasons why.

The first thing you should do with a writing prompt is figure out what question it is asking. Then, you can formulate your thesis.

1. A recent poll showed that only about 58% of American teenagers do volunteer work. Write a persuasive essay explaining why teenagers should donate their time to those in need.

\*Question:

1) Answer:

2) Because: a.

b.

c.

1. Considering the rights of cell phone users, write an essay about whether cell phones should or should not be prohibited while the user is driving.

\*Question:

1) Answer:

2) Because: a.

b.

c.

1. Think about the qualities required to be a good parent. Now choose three important qualities for a parent and write an essay that explains these qualities.

\*Question:

1) Answer:

2) Because: a.

b.

c.

1. Write to convince your parents to extend your curfew past 8 o’clock on the weekends.

\*Question:

1) Answer:

2) Because: a.

b.

c.

1. A classmate of yours is thinking about dropping out of high school. Think about reasons why your classmate should stay in school. Now write to persuade your classmate that he or she should stay in school.

\*Question:

1) Answer:

2) Because: a.

b.

c.