How to Write a Thesis Statement

**DEFINITION**
A thesis statement is usually one complete sentence that states your claim about a topic and identifies your main points. It's kind of like a one-sentence summary of your whole paper.

A great strategy for creating a solid thesis statement is to answer these three questions:

**What?** ➔ (your topic)

**What about it?** ➔ (your position on the topic)

**Why?** ➔ (your main points to support that position)

**EXAMPLE**
Mahatma Gandhi was an advocate of peace because his nonviolent civil disobedience was essential to the civil rights movement in India and inspired peaceful activism around the world.

For more help, check out our YouTube video on thesis statements: http://goo.gl/dea60Q