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completing and for the audience to whom you are directing your writing. Make sure your thesis statement indicates your purpose, whether it is to inform, persuade, or entertain. Also, make sure your thesis statement matches the tone you plan to use in your essay, whether it is serious, sarcastic, or humorous.

You may want to use a **blueprinted thesis**, which is a thesis that includes the main areas of support in the order you will introduce them and thus acts as a blueprint for the essay.

Peer Example



Beth

“ A blueprinted thesis for my essay would include the main supports I intend to develop. They should be listed in the same order I plan to introduce them in the body of my essay. ”

Blueprinted Thesis: My car has lots of disadvantages because it is unreliable, expensive, and unattractive.

Turning a Discussion Question into a Thesis Statement

Many college writing assignments are given in the form of discussion questions. A discussion question can often be turned into a thesis statement. There are many ways to use the important words in the discussion question in a thesis statement.

Assignment: Discuss a place of business in your community.

Thesis Statement: Henry's Department Store is a wonderful place to shop.

Blueprinted Thesis Statement: Henry's Department Store is a wonderful place to shop because of its quality merchandise and helpful customer service.

Assignment: Prove that an electronic device, such as a computer, cell phone, or PDA, is useful.

Thesis Statement: Computers are very useful to students.

Blueprinted Thesis Statement: A personal computer helps students do their schoolwork, communicate with professors and friends, and entertain themselves.

WRITING PROMPTS

Choose a mode of transportation, and explain its advantages or disadvantages.

Discuss a place of business in your community.

Prove that an electronic device, such as a computer, cell phone, or PDA, is useful.