


Journal



What do you know about a thesis statement? What things do you think you should include in your thesis statement?

Thesis Statement Review (pgs. 53-55)

Guidelines:

- one declarative sentence (not a question)
- preview of what the paper is about
- states the topic and the focus of the topic
- everything in the paper supports the thesis
- be confident! (don't use words like *probably*, *might*, *I think*, *seems*, *apparently*, etc.)

On your outline, write a thesis statement for your paper. Your thesis statement may change slightly based on the research that you find, but you need to have a focus to start your research.

I should be able to answer these questions from your thesis statement:

- 1. What is your topic?*
- 2. What organization is working to help this issue?*
- 3. What are the three things that your organization focuses on to help stop/prevent the problem?*

Example: The Alzheimer's Association works to prevent and eliminate Alzheimer's disease through research, support and training for families, and promoting brain health.

<http://www.alz.org/>



What do you know about an outline?

Main ideas

It can change!

Work on completing your outline by brainstorming the type of information you want to include in each section. This will provide a focus for your research.