Writing a Strong Thesis Statement

Step 1
Make a question about the topic.

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Step 2
Find at least three reasons to answer the question.

1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________
3. ________________________________________________________________

Step 3
Formulate a thesis based on the 1st and 2nd steps.

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Five Questions to Ask

1. What claim are you making?
2. What reasons can you provide to support that claim?
3. What evidence do you have to back it up?
4. What is the logic behind your argument? How do your reasons support your claim?
5. How would you respond to alternative claims?