



# Let Us Start the Lettuce Club (Or Not) Writing a Thesis Statement



#### People Try the Lettuce Challenge



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## Claims, Evidence, and Reasoning





# Stating a Claim

- What is your position?
- Make sure you can back up your claim with evidence.
- Do not use "I think" or "I believe." There is no place for the author's opinion in formal essay writing.



# **Essential Question**

In what ways can a piece of writing be clear and purposeful for the reader?



# Lesson Objectives

- Analyze a topic or question to formulate a stance that informs a clear claim;
- Synthesize relevant subtopics to support a claim;
- Write a thesis statement that could be used in a research paper or expository essay.



# **Surprising-Interesting-Troubling**

- What is surprising?
- What is interesting?
- What is troubling?





### Writing Road Map





## Writing a Thesis Statement



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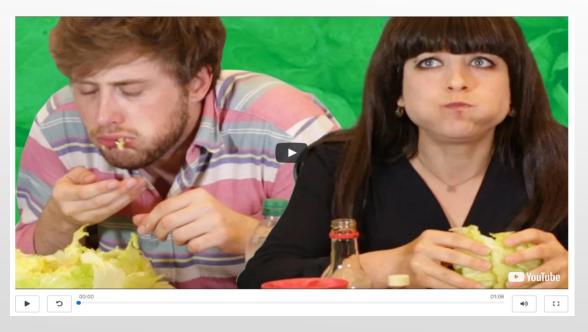
### Consider the Following:

How can having one sentence like a thesis statement accomplish the following:

- Efficiency
- Clarity
- Structure



#### Thesis Statement: People Try the Lettuce Challenge

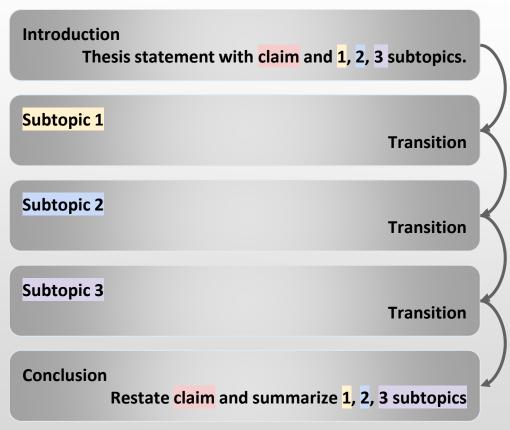


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Thesis Elements	Example
Claim	Eating iceberg lettuce is a good group activity because
Subtopic 1	<mark>it can bring together a diverse mix of friends,</mark>
Subtopic 2	it invites healthy competition,
Subtopic 3	and it requires a sense of humor.
Thesis Statement	Eating iceberg lettuce is a good group activity because it can bring together a diverse mix of friends, it invites healthy competition, and it requires a sense of humor.

Outline





## Exit Ticket

Based on the presentation about lettuce, construct a well developed thesis statement to be used at the start of your essay. Be sure to offer a claim and three subtopics in your thesis.

You do not have to base your thesis on the lettuce challenge, but you may if you like.

Be sure this is your own work. Do not copy from the internet or one of your friends. Submit your thesis statement to <u>BJA@guthrieps.net</u> Please be sure to include your name and grade level with your submission.



