From Research Question to Thesis Statement

• Categorize your research questions as primary or secondary questions:
  • PRIMARY: Open-ended questions; typically begins with “how” or “why”
    • THESE ARE WHAT THE ENTIRETY OF THE PAPER WILL ADDRESS
      • How can Americans reduce their risk of getting Type 2 Diabetes?
  • SECONDARY: Questions that can be answered by facts
    • THESE WILL BE ANSWERED ALONG THE WAY IN SUPPORT OF THE PRIMARY QUESTION
      • What are the two types of diabetes? What are the differences between Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes? How common are they in different age groups?

Your thesis statement will be the answer to the PRIMARY RESEARCH QUESTION.
Writing A Thesis Statement

• CSC formula: CONTEXT, SUBJECT, CLAIM

1. Out of all the Disney princesses, Mulan is the dopest.

2. Although celebrities have a right to privacy, Kim Kardashian pushes the boundaries of what is private and what is public in today’s entertainment industry.

3. While Americans are so far unable to reduce their risk of getting Type 1 diabetes, they can reduce their risk of getting Type 2 diabetes by keeping their weight down, eating healthy foods low in sugar, and getting daily exercise.
Write a thesis using the CSC formula

• Select ONE from the following subjects:
  1. Cellphone use in classrooms
  2. Lowering the drinking age to 18
  3. Punishment for online cyber-bullies

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