

TOPIC & THESIS STATEMENTS

This must be typed!!

I. Write a topic sentence for your paper

What is a topic statement?

A declaration of the topic for which your research paper will be written.

Ex) All abortions should be illegal in the United States.

II. Write a thesis statement for your paper

What is a thesis statement?

1. It states your topic but also
2. gives the side of the issue that you will cover
3. It identifies what you will give as a **policy alternative (law)**.

III. What is the Law behind this issue

1. Find the law or court case behind this issue
2. Identify the level of government is responsible for this law

IV. Justify the need for your research

In at least 150 words explain to me why you want to research this topic and how you would like to see the problem fixed.

FOR EXAMPLE:

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Topic: All abortions should be illegal in the United States.

Thesis: The **laws** allowing abortions until the end of the second trimester should be changed; it is dangerous and has a lasting emotional impact. Women need to work on more preventative measures to avoid pregnancy rather than aborting the “problem” once conception has happened.

Law: 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court Case
the Court ruled that a right to privacy under the due process clause of the 14th Amendment extended to a woman's decision to have an abortion, but that right must be balanced against the state's two legitimate interests in regulating abortions: protecting prenatal life and protecting women's health

Reason: In no less than 150 words you must explain to me why you want to write this research paper. What drew you to this topic? Is there a personal experience that connects you with this topic? What do you hope to learn/achieve by writing this research paper!!

BEFORE YOU PRINT:

1. SPELL CHECK
2. GRAMMER CHECK

WORD COUNT YOUR REASON PARAGRAPH...I AM A STICKLER FOR FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS!!!