**Topic to Thesis**

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**What Is a Thesis?**

The **thesis** is the point/argument your paper is trying to prove. **A good thesis is a continuation of a good topic/question**. It individualizes your essay. Your thesis is *you* speaking, offering the argument or results you have come to after research and thought. From the thesis, the rest of your essay will develop, supporting your thesis and showing how and why your thesis is valid.

Going from an essay question to an individualized thesis can be a difficult thing, but with practice it becomes easier!!

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| **Essay Question**  To what extent was Canada (including Newfoundland) involved with the Battle of the Somme? |

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| **Potential Directions**  After your research is done as yourself this: Was Canada’s role…?   * **Significant** – We were a leader; introduced new ideas/strategies; had a high impact, etc. * **Considerable** – We were clearly under British command but our actual effort was distinctly Canadian; had some input, etc. * **Minimal** – We allowed the British to dictate directions/strategies; we took a backseat and didn’t question orders; we were clearly in a support role, etc. * **Changing/Fluid** – At times we had a strong role, at others we backed off. We assessed each situation and that determined our level of involvement.   Depending on your answer, now write a sentence answering the essay question. Check with me; that might just be your thesis! |

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| **Thesis Statement/Sentence** |

**Building Your Body Paragraphs**

**Step 1:** Decide on the topic/main idea for each of your three Body Paragraphs.

**Step 2:** Based on your research, decide on three main points to support each Body Paragraph.

**Step 3:** Based on your research, decide which pieces of evidence (quote/fact/reference) you will include to support your main points (to be done on template).

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| **Body Paragraph Topic** | **Main Points** |
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