

## Writing Thesis Statements

Now you will be divided into small groups of three. You will be working together to come up with three paragraphs to support the side your class chose in the writing prompt in the previous exercise.

### Here again is the writing prompt:

Some students go directly to college after high school. Others take a few years off to work, and then go to college. Still others work but never go back to school at all. What do you feel is the best choice, and why? Give reasons for your opinion.

*Complete this sentence as a reminder of which side your class took on the subject:*

Going directly to \_\_\_\_\_ after high school is the best choice.

*To remind you of the reasons, copy them below from page 100:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

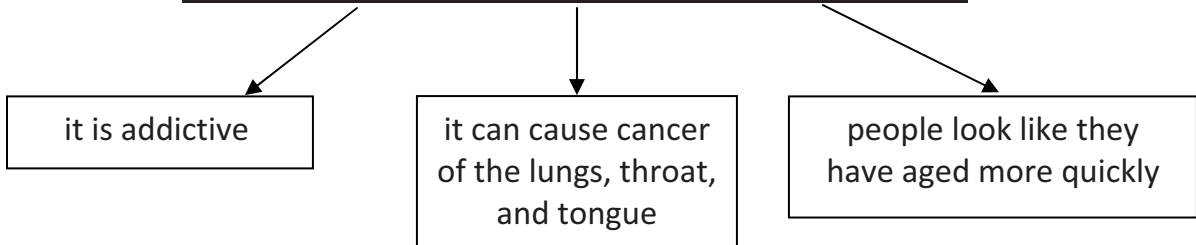
In this exercise, your small group will come up with one sentence that includes all three reasons from above.

### **For example:**

**Topic:** smoking

**Our class feels:** Smoking is harmful and should be made illegal.

**3 reasons:** Smoking is harmful and should be made illegal because:



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Now you will take these three reasons and include them into one well written sentence.

Here is an example: Smoking is an **addictively** dangerous, yet currently legal habit that makes people **age faster**, and can cause various forms **cancer**, which may eventually cause premature death.

Notice that the words in **bold** above are the three reasons from the boxes on page 101.

Now that you have your own topic and three reasons, work with your group to come up with one complete sentence that incorporates all three reasons with your class's opinion.

**Our class feels:** Going directly to \_\_\_\_\_ after high school is the best choice.

**3 reasons:** Going directly to \_\_\_\_\_ after high school is the best choice because:

Three empty rectangular boxes are arranged horizontally. Three arrows point downwards from the text above to the top center of each box. The first arrow points to the first box, the second to the second box, and the third to the third box.

**Our group's sentence:** Going directly to \_\_\_\_\_ after high school is the best choice because \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

This sentence is now what will be your **Thesis Statement**.