



Stumped? Questions to Ask When Constructing a Thesis

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1. What kinds of patterns or implications emerge when I look closely at my evidence?
2. What kind of evidence and support do I need to support my tentative thesis?
3. What kind of evidence cannot be adequately accounted for by my tentative thesis?
4. How can I explain the mismatches between my thesis statement and my selected evidence?
5. How can I rewrite my thesis statement in order to accommodate the evidence that doesn't fit?