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# Let Us Start the Lettuce Club (Or Not)

Writing a Thesis Statement



# People Try the Lettuce Challenge



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# Claims, Evidence, and Reasoning



# Stating a Claim

- What is your position?
- Make sure you can back up your claim with evidence.
- Do not use “I think” or “I believe.” There is no place for the author’s opinion in formal essay writing.



# Essential Question

In what ways can a piece of writing be clear and purposeful for the reader?



# Lesson Objectives

- Analyze a topic or question to formulate a stance that informs a clear claim;
- Synthesize relevant subtopics to support a claim;
- Write a thesis statement that could be used in a research paper or expository essay.



# Surprising-Interesting-Troubling

- What is surprising?
- What is interesting?
- What is troubling?







# Writing a Thesis Statement



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# Consider the Following:

How can having one sentence like a thesis statement accomplish the following:

- Efficiency
- Clarity
- Structure



# Thesis Statement: People Try the Lettuce Challenge



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Thesis Elements	Example
<b>Claim</b>	<i>Eating iceberg lettuce is a good group activity because</i>
<b>Subtopic 1</b>	<i>it can bring together a diverse mix of friends,</i>
<b>Subtopic 2</b>	<i>it invites healthy competition,</i>
<b>Subtopic 3</b>	<i>and it requires a sense of humor.</i>
<b>Thesis Statement</b>	<i>Eating iceberg lettuce is a good group activity because it can bring together a diverse mix of friends, it invites healthy competition, and it requires a sense of humor.</i>

# Outline

## Introduction

Thesis statement with **claim** and **1, 2, 3** subtopics.

## Subtopic 1

Transition

## Subtopic 2

Transition

## Subtopic 3

Transition

## Conclusion

Restate **claim** and summarize **1, 2, 3** subtopics



# Exit Ticket

**Based on the presentation about lettuce, construct a well developed thesis statement to be used at the start of your essay. Be sure to offer a claim and three subtopics in your thesis.**

**You do not have to base your thesis on the lettuce challenge, but you may if you like.**

**Be sure this is your own work. Do not copy from the internet or one of your friends. Submit your thesis statement to [BJA@guthrie.net](mailto:BJA@guthrie.net) Please be sure to include your name and grade level with your submission.**

