

# Making a Thesis Statement

*Write down the topic, main idea and subtopics for each thesis statement.*

1. There are many reasons why girls are forced to drop out of junior high school in Cambodia. Among these include responsibilities at home, lack of transportation, and corruption in the public school system.

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

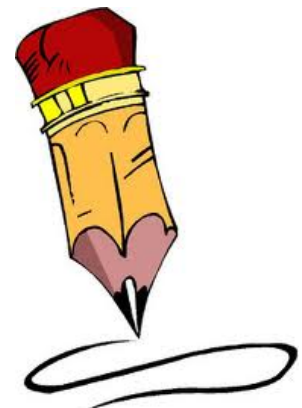
Subtopics: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. There are many differences between the university education systems in the United States (U.S.) and Japan. Among these include the course curriculum, the role of professors, and students' participation in the classroom.

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

Subtopics: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_



# Writing Your Thesis Statement

**When you make a thesis statement, you need three parts:**

1. topic                      what your essay is about
2. main idea                your opinion about your topic
3. three sub-topics      the specific topics that support your main idea and connect to your topic

**Write down the three parts of your thesis statement.**

1. topic                      \_\_\_\_\_
2. main idea                \_\_\_\_\_
3. three sub-topics      1. \_\_\_\_\_  
   2. \_\_\_\_\_  
   3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Combine these three parts into 3-4 sentences for your thesis statement.**

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