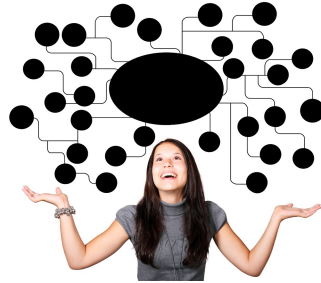


The thesis as an argument

1. Map out your focus area within the broader field – put your topic in a circle in the middle and then branch out to show all the related concepts, fields, and topics that your study relates to. This map could go on infinitum but try to make as detailed as possible.



2. Write down your research question/s or your hypothesis



3. Jot down some of the main arguments/claims that you will make in your study...

4. Thesis statement: Now try to write your thesis statement on the back of the matchbox below – this is your central argument, the main ‘take home’ message you want to stay in the mind of your reader when she has read your whole study.

