Use this thesis formula to create a solid thesis (argument) for your paragraphs, papers, and essays.

Remember - without a thesis - you don’t have an essay!
A thesis statement gives focus, direction, and organization to your paper.

By looking at __________________________ (topic, book, theme, historical event or era, scientific experiment or chemical, etc.), one can see ____________ (the argument - what is the point you’re making about that topic), which is important because _____________.

(This is optional, but can give you the opportunity to present the urgency of your argument or to further emphasize the argument you’re making).

By looking at the memoir Night by Elie Wiesel, one can see through the author’s use of imagery and symbolism how the process of dehumanization can steal a person’s identity and sense of self and humanity, which is important because identity is the source of decency and hope.

By looking at the Rwandan Genocide, one can see how cultural intolerance, a “hands off” political approach, and skewed media representation can lead to great tragedy and wounds that may never heal.

By looking at the rising rates of homelessness in the USA, one can see that more must be done to alleviate (heal/fix) this poverty, which is important because it is everyone’s responsibility to work towards this end.