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Thesis Statements

A thesis statement:

Tells the reader how you will interpret the significance of the subject matter under discussion. *How will I interpret the subject matter?*
Is a road map for your project; in other words, it tells the reader what to expect from the rest of the project. *What do I want people to take away from my project? What is the "so what?"*
Directly answers the question asked of you. A thesis is an interpretation of a question or subject, not the subject itself. The subject, or topic, of your project might be the Oberlin Rescuers. Your thesis tells me why your topic fits the theme and why it is historically significant. *How am I fitting the theme? Why is it historically significant?*
Makes a claim that others might dispute. *What is my claim? Does it go beyond just listing facts?*
Combine the answers to the above questions into a draft thesis statement. *Is it a single sentence? Revise and edit until it is!*

Your thesis statement becomes the goal of your project. Use it to complete a Project Logic Model. This document will help keep you on track in your research.

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Project Logic Model

Project Goal / Thesis:

Inputs – What resources will help you complete your project?	Objectives – What do you want to learn as a result of completing this project?	Outputs – What are the things you need to produce to complete your project i.e. process paper?	Outcomes – What are the major takeaways you want someone viewing your project to understand?