BEGINNING YOUR PAPER

Choose one of the templates below to help you create, from your research question, a thesis or guiding statement.

WHO CARES

______________ used to think, but recently [or within the last few decades] ________________ suggests that ____________________________.

My findings challenge the work of earlier researchers, who tended to assume that ________________________________.

Many people feel [put your topic in here] ____________________________; however, this is not entirely true. It is truer to say that __________________________ is _________________________________.

At first glance, [put your topic in here] ____________________________ appear(s) to _________________________________. But on closer inspection _________________________________.

SO WHAT

[My topic] ________________________________ matters/is important because _________________________________.

Although [your topic here] ________________________________ may not seem too important; however, it is crucial in terms of understanding _________________________________.

Ultimately, what is at stake here is _________________________________.

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