

Listing Provisional Theses to Creating a Provisional Thesis

Step One

Do: Imagine, for a minute, that you are writing your second paper assignment—the **same one your students will be working on**. List a series of theses on the lines below. Don't worry about quality initially. Just come up with some claims that you could make.

Step Two

Talk About: Next, narrow down to two theses, circle these and then rewrite them in a way that is more complex, smart, and complicated.

Step Three

Talk About: Finally, choose one, and write it down. This will guide you in your work in your paper.