Writing Applications: Writing a Strong Thesis Statement II

2. Answer the following questions about the reading on a separate sheet of paper:
   - College writing is often what kind of writing?
   - What is a persuasive essay sometimes called?
   - What does the thesis statement of an academic argument do?
   - In an essay exam, what is the purpose of the thesis statement?
   - What must happen before you develop a thesis statement?
   - What questions should you ask yourself to determine if your thesis statement is strong?
3. If you have any questions, now is a good time to STOP and visit an instructor or a tutor to get some help. Write any questions you may have below before you go.

Once you are ready, go on to #4.

4. For the following general topics, develop a strong thesis statement.
   - Capital punishment
   - Smoking
   - School violence
   - Homework
   - Animal rights
5. Before reviewing your thesis statements with an instructor or tutor, use the space below to write any questions you still have:

6. Once you have reviewed your thesis statements with an instructor or tutor, take time to write a one-page reflection about what you have learned. What does it take to write a successful thesis statement? What are the differences between a strong thesis and a weak one? How do you know you have written a successful thesis statement?
7. Review your reflection with an instructor or tutor in the WRC, and see if the instructor or tutor has anything to add to help you understand what it takes to write a successful thesis statement. Then, have that person sign and date this sheet.
8. Return this completed, signed sheet to your instructor.