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**Part A**

**Directions:** For each of the following topics, create a “better” thesis statement from the thesis statement given. First, give 3 reasons or examples to support the given thesis, then create a final “better” thesis statement. Remember that your final thesis statement must follow the original rules of creating a thesis statement and must include the 3 examples or reasons that support your opinion. An example has been done for you.

**Ex.** The topic of this essay is the effects of smoking.

**Thesis:** Smoking is harmful and should be made illegal.

**3 Reasons:** it is addictive, it can cause cancer, it can kill

**“Better” Thesis:** Smoking is a harmful, yet currently legal habit that is **addictive**, can cause various forms **cancer**, and may eventually lead to premature **death**.

1. The topic of this essay is the use of animals in testing products.

**Thesis:** Animals should not be used to test products.

**3 Reasons:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**“Better” Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The topic of this essay is the characteristics of a good friend.

**Thesis:** Good friends are hard to find.

**3 Reasons:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**“Better” Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The topic of this essay is free college for everyone.

**Thesis:** College should be free for everyone who wants to go.

**3 Reasons:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**“Better” Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part B**

**Directions:** For each of the following topics, create a “better” thesis statement from the topic given. First, write a basic thesis statement that includes your opinion, then include three reasons to support your opinion, and finally, write a “better thesis” in a complete sentence integrating the three reasons.

1. The topic of this essay is the influence of the media on teenagers.

**Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3 Reasons:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**“Better” Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The topic of this essay is the benefits of after school sports.

**Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3 Reasons:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**“Better” Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The topic of this essay is an important turning point in your life.

**Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3 Reasons:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**“Better” Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_

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