My Research Project: Generate Draft Thesis Statements

Use the following table to generate draft thesis statements. To complete the activity, first identify the role or roles that you are most likely to adopt; then choose a column such as “Changing their attitudes or beliefs” and generate draft thesis statements. You need not complete every cell in the table, and you can create more than one question in each cell.

To generate statements, use freewriting or the sentence starters found in Table 12.1.

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| **Role** | **Purpose** | **Goal: Asking readers to . . .** |
| Learn something new  | Change their attitudes or beliefs | Take action of some kind |
| Reporter | To inform |  |  |  |
| Inquirer | To create and share new knowledge |  |  |  |
| Observer | To reflect |  |  |  |
| Evaluator | To evaluate |  |  |  |
| Interpreter | To analyze |  |  |  |
| Problem Solver | To solve problems |  |  |  |
| Advocate | To convince, persuade, or mediate  |  |  |  |