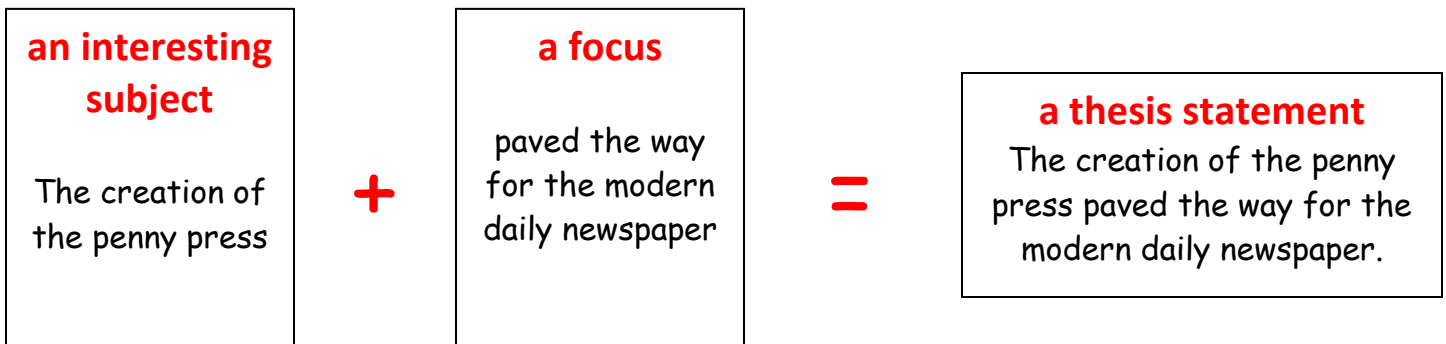


Thesis Statement

Once your research is completed, you should write a thesis statement. The thesis statement identifies the main idea of your paper, serving as the focus of your report. The following formula will help you write your thesis statement.

Subject + **D**irection = **T**hesis **S**tatement



Sample Thesis Statements

The invention of the electric telegraph (*an interesting subject*) had a profound effect on people in this country (*a focus*).

The science of weather forecasting (*an interesting subject*) has saved millions of lives by predicting dangerous storms (*a focus*).

The global spread of radio and television (*an interesting subject*) helped to bring down the Berlin Wall and end the Cold War (*a focus*).

Form your thesis statement. Review your research notes and choose the main point you want to make about your topic. Using the formula above, write a thesis statement for your report. You may have to write more than one version of the thesis statement before it says exactly what you want it to say.