Thesis Statements Activity Sheet

Below is a breakdown of the various elements of a strong thesis:

1. **Have a Point of View:** I believe/I argue/I stand by/etc. ___________________
   
   Take a stance on an issue or idea.
   
   Example: I believe Spring morning are the best time period.

2. **Make it objective:** Blank is this because...
   
   A statement that may be based on opinion, but is presented here as an absolute or fact. Try to make a statement that AVOIDS the comparative such as better or worse, as well as verbal moods such as would, should, may, could, etc that can be considered UNSURE or CONDITIONAL.
   
   Example: Spring mornings are the best time period because days are longer.

3. **Limit the Scope:** Because of BLANK, this subject is the best.
   
   Create criteria that begins to set the field of study. Determine the parameters or standards of the viewpoint.
   
   Example: Due to the increase in light, Spring Mornings are best.

4. **Define the argument through specifics:** Because of blank\(^1\), the subject is best for blank\(^2\).
   
   Further define specific criteria to give basis for your argument. List your key points that you will talk about in your body paragraphs.
   
   Example: Due to the increase in light, Spring mornings are most beneficial to people who suffer from seasonal depression, a decrease in work productivity, and general feelings of malaise.
Now, you try:

What is your main topic?

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What is your point of view or stance?

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Make it an objective or a statement.

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Limit your scope or add specifics.

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Define your argument and add your key points

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