

**Do Now:** Read the following historical context and task. When you are done reading, create a thesis statement by following these easy steps. If you were writing a DBQ the thesis statement would be the last part of your introduction. It is the statement that tells the reader what your essay will prove and how you will answer the task.

**Step One:** Read the following historical context and task.

**Historical Context:** During the “golden age of the automobile” in the 1920s, the car became a vital part of many Americans’ lives. A mother of nine children said that her family “would rather do without clothes than give up the car.” In the past, they had wanted to visit her sister-in-law, but by the time the children were “shoed and dressed” there wasn’t any money left to pay the trolley fare. “Now no matter how the children look, we just poke ‘em in the car and take ‘em along.” The automobile change the lives of Americans and provided a boom to the American economy. Many industries sprung up because of the automobile that created jobs, changed the way America looked and the changed way Americans lived their lives.

**Task:**

- Describe two ways in which the automobile changed the lives of Americans during the 1920s.
- Explain three effects on other industries caused by the popularity of the automobile.
- Explain how a consumer economy grew in America based on the automobile and installment buying.

**Step Two:** Turn each step of the task into a question.

1. Describe two ways in which the automobile changed the lives of Americans during the 1920s.

Question?

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2. Explain three effects on other industries caused by the popularity of the automobile.

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3. Explain how a consumer economy grew in America based on the automobile and installment buying

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**Step Three:** Create the thesis statement. The answer to the questions you created from the task will be your thesis statement. You need to be able to answer the questions you created with examples in order to create the thesis statement. With your partner use the American Journey pages 709-712 to find information and facts to create your thesis statements. Use the organizer on the back of this sheet to fill in the thesis statements.

**Step Three:** Answer the questions you created to create the thesis statement.

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Question?

Thesis Statement:

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