Using 5W Questions to Create a Thesis Statement

Theme: *Leadership*

Interest Area/Topic: *Eleanor Roosevelt*

Narrowed Subject: *Eleanor Roosevelt's Role as First Lady*

Who: *Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt*

What: *Eleanor Roosevelt's role as first lady*

Where: *Washington, DC, The White House*

When: *1933 until 1945*

Why: *Eleanor Roosevelt was reluctant to become first lady, in part because earlier first ladies had concentrated mostly on household issues.*

Why does it matter: *Eleanor Roosevelt wanted to redefine the role. As first lady, she took an active role in politics. She encouraged other women to do the same. She was a strong supporter of women's rights.*

Short-term Impact: *Eleanor Roosevelt encouraged women of her day to become politically active and she presented a model of a "working woman" in The White House.*

Long-term Impact: *By expanding the role of first lady beyond the "hostess" realm, Eleanor Roosevelt opened the door for future first ladies to embrace activist causes.*

Final Thesis Statement: