The Position Paper

A worked example for Nursing 394
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The thesis

- Nursing organizations *should support* supervised injection sites.
- Or
- Nursing organizations *should not support* supervised injection.
Thesis statements

- Specific
- Manageable
- Interesting
In favour

- Nursing organizations should support supervised injection sites.
- Because
Against

+ Nursing organizations *should not support* supervised injection.
Argument structure

Claim:

Stated reason:

Grounds/evidence
Argument structure

Unstated assumptions

Evidence supporting unstated assumption:
Rebuttal

Qualifiers
Organizing your paper