Essays- Thesis and Brainstorming practice

1. *Thesis statement practice*- Create a thesis statement you could try to prove about each of the following topics.

For example- *Topic*: School *Thesis statement*: School is important for your future. (If you want you can change 5 of the topics to ones of your own choice)

1. Success
2. Accomplishments
3. Mistakes
4. Growing up
5. Fear
6. Winning
7. Losing
8. Family
9. Friends
10. Pride
11. Being selfish
12. Standing up for yourself
13. Self esteem
14. Jealousy
15. Anger
16. Sadness
17. Happiness
18. Overcoming obstacles
19. Determination
20. Values/Beliefs

2. Pick 3 of the thesis statements you created and brainstorm 5 reasons, examples and explanations that would support your opinion. This can be done in a chart like this example:

*Thesis statement*: School is important for your future.

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| Reasons to support this | Specific Examples to support reasons |  |
| 1. Teaches you skills | 1. Ie. Reading/writing/math | 1. Helps you get a job |