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From Word to Topic to  
A Thesis Worth Proving

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Commonalities/Patterns

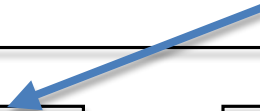
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Connections within the patterns



What can you prove?



Is it worth proving? Does it add something new to the reader's understanding of the literature?



◇ YES

◇ NO



If yes, justify why your thesis is worth proving.



If no, consider:

- arguing an opposing viewpoint – make sure that you are still able to find specific examples supporting your argument
- re-examining the patterns and commonalities you found, looking for more depth, knowing your intent is to add something new to the reader's understanding of the literature