Writing Assignment
Thesis Statement and Outline

Directions:

1. Read all of these directions before beginning this assignment.
2. In the Writing section of your notebook, skip a line from the previous entry and write, “Thesis Statement and Outline”, centered on the page, as the title for the assignment. Write the date to the right of the title.
3. Use various colors of highlighters to organize your research notes by sub-topics. For example, if my topic was fruit, I might highlight notes that are about strawberries in pink, bananas in yellow, blueberries in blue, cantaloupe in orange, and kiwi in green.
4. After you have highlighted your research notes, narrow your sub-topics down to 3. For example, if I had the most information about kiwi, strawberries, and blueberries, I would choose those 3 as my subtopics for my essay on fruit.
5. Write an outline for your speech, following the format you were given in class. Use your research notes to include as many details as possible in the outline that are specific to your topic and your 3 subtopics. The outline should be a blueprint for your essay.
6. After completing your outline, write a possible thesis statement for your essay. Remember that the thesis statement must include your 3 subtopics. For example, “There are many fruits that I like to eat, but if I could only have three, I would choose strawberries, kiwi, and blueberries.”
7. Re-read what you have written, making any necessary changes or corrections. This should be your BEST work.
8. Mark the date on which you completed this assignment on your work plan.
9. Turn your notebook into your mailbox, as soon as you finish the assignment, but no later than the due date listed on your work plan.