IN YOUR CLAIM/THESIS/POSITION STATEMENT, ALWAYS CHECK FOR A COMPLETE STRUCTURE. THIS MEANS:

(TOPIC+ ARGUABLE OPINION+BLUEPRINT)

IF THE CLAIM/THESIS/POSITION STATEMENT IS MISSING ONE OF THESE ITEMS, IT IS NOT COMPLETE.

EXAMPLE:

“I learned the hard way that drinking and driving isn’t fun; it is extremely dangerous. The price of this lesson cost me my reputation, my self-respect, and the lives of my two friends.”

Remember: The claim/thesis/position statement should inform the reader of (1.) Where the paper is going [topic+arguable opinion] and (2.) How it is going to get there [blueprint].

Or, put another way, the claim/thesis/position statement ANSWERS the questions:
1. Where is this paper going?

2. How will it get there?