**Analytical Thesis Statement Formula**

This is the basic thesis statement formula we will be using for all writing assignments in this class – all year long! Keep this handout to reference whenever you are required to write a thesis statement.

Step 1: Brainstorm

Using T-charts, Venn Diagrams, Thinking Maps, etc, write down all of the facts (or evidence) you have that relates to the prompt.

Step 2: Write!

This is the basic formula you will be using to write your thesis statement.

**X** = counterargument (or, your weaker argument)

**Y** = your actual argument that addresses the prompt

***A, B, C*** = pieces of evidence that support your true argument (these should be broad ideas)

**Beginning Words:** Your complex, analytical thesis statement should begin with one of the following words or phrases –

 After Even if Though

 Although Even though Unless

 As If Until

 As long as In order that When

 As soon as Once Whenever

 Because Since Wherever

 Before So that While

**Format:** *Beginning word*  **X, Y** (because of) **A, B,** and **C.**

Here is an example to the following prompt: Assess the validity of the following statement: “Teaching is the most important profession in the world and everyone should consider it as a possible career choice.”

**Thesis:** Even though teaching is an emotionally satisfying profession, it should not be considered as a viable career choice because teachers consistently rank at the bottom of the pay scale, often work at home without just compensation, and receive a lack of due respect in society.