How to Write a Thesis Statement

1. What is a thesis statement and what important work does it do in a piece of writing?

2. When facing a blank page, what strategy do both Kate and Drew decide to use to help them get started on their thesis statements? Why?

3. Go and observe for yourself the sculpture out at Dunn’s Woods that Kate and Drew are writing about in the episode. Then try and construct a thesis statement of your own from these observations. Compare Kate and Drew’s theses with your own. How did it go?

4. After looking at this, how would you describe the thesis creation process in your own words? What do you think were Kate’s and Drew’s attitudes toward it—how did they feel about it? Do you see any obstacles toward adopting that same perspective yourself?