Fillable PDF Worksheet: Classification Thesis Builder

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Classification Thesis Statement Worksheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

Topic: _____

STEP 1: Choose Your Formula

Check one:

- **Formula 1 – Basic Three-Part:**

  [Topic] can be classified by [organizing principle] into [#] types: [Category 1], [Category 2], and [Category 3].

- **Formula 2 – Advanced Descriptive:**

  [Topic] can be classified by [organizing principle] into [#] distinct types: [Category 1 + brief descriptor], [Category 2 + brief descriptor], and [Category 3 + brief descriptor].

- **Formula 3 – Sophisticated Significance:**

  [Topic] can be classified by [organizing principle] into [#] types—[Category 1], [Category 2], and [Category 3]—each [significance statement showing why categories matter].

STEP 2: Identify Your Elements

Topic (What you're classifying):

Organizing Principle (Your classification criterion):

Example: "by engagement level," "by deadline management approach"

Number of Categories: _____

Category Names & Descriptors (Briefly describe each):

1. **Category 1:** _____

   Descriptor: _____

2. **Category 2:** _____

   Descriptor: _____

3. **Category 3:** _____

   Descriptor: _____

Add more if needed

STEP 3: Build Your Thesis

Write your thesis statement here (use your chosen formula):

STEP 4: Test & Revise

✓ **Read your thesis aloud and check:**

- My **topic** is clear.

- My **organizing principle** is stated.

- **All categories** are named.

- The order of categories is **logical**.

- The thesis **matches my essay content**.

Revision Notes:

TIP: Save this worksheet and revisit it after writing your body paragraphs to ensure your thesis still fits!