

**Gathering Evidence to Support Thesis -- Example**

Motorcycles are more dangerous than cars; therefore, the minimum driving age for motorcycles should be 25.

**My thesis...**

**The Evidence I Need to Prove my Thesis**

**Categories of Facts**

Health:  
 Death rate – Cars  
 Death rate – Motorcycles

Legal:  
 Current laws – states

- Age
- Equipment
- Speed

Insurance

Economics

- Cost to society

Trends over time

**Categories of Opinions**

Psychological reasons for riding motorcycles

Cultural/social reasons for riding motorcycles

Economic reasons for riding motorcycles

Law enforcement

**Whose Point of View**

Motorcycle riders

Insurance companies

Hell’s Angels

Motorcycle manufacturers

Automobile manufacturers

Doctors/Health providers

Teenagers/Young people