AP Euro – Thesis Statement Construction – Use CARS to make your thesis GO!!

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| C | -**CLAIM**-**CLARITY** | -Make a CLAIM & provide a LINE OF REASONING. Be broad but not vague- Is the CLAIM & LINE OF REASONING clear to the reader? Do they know what you will discuss in your essay that follows? |
| A | **-ACCURATE** | -Is your claim provable using your line of reasoning? Avoid extremes that cannot be proven or that are easily disproved.  |
| R | **-RELEVANT** | -Is the thesis and does the line of reasoning address the prompt’s subject and task? |
| S | **-SIGNIFICANT** | -Does the thesis claim and line of reasoning hit the BIG IDEAS? Avoid trivia and minutiae |