The authors’ thesis statement versus your thesis statement:

Ex1:

The main goal of the authors’ study was “to explore how and where Syrian refugees in the Northern Netherlands negotiate difference through encounters in order to develop or impede a sense of belonging.” (Huizinga and van Hoven, 2018, p.310).

Ex 2:

The thesis of the article is to have an adequate understanding of how and where Syrian refugees in the Northern Netherlands try to find their sense of belonging within their new environment.

The way this sentence is written reflects the goal of the research or the research question: how and where do Syrian refugees find their sense of belonging?

The thesis would provide an argument about the answer to this question:

Everyday experiences of Syrian refugees in the Northern Netherlands provide opportunities and obstacles for refugee integration.

Ex 3:

In “Everyday geographies of belonging: Syrian refugee experiences in the Northern Netherlands,” Rik P. Huizinga and Bettina Van Hoven explore the daily lives of recent Syrian refugees in the Netherlands and their struggle to assimilate.

**SHIFT TO YOUR THESIS:**

In “Everyday geographies of belonging: Syrian refugee experiences in the Northern Netherlands,” Rik P. Huizinga and Bettina Van Hoven effectively explore the daily lives of recent Syrian refugees in the Netherlands and their struggle to assimilate.

Ex 4

In the peer-reviewed article, *Everyday geographies of belonging: Syrian refugee experiences in the Northern Netherlands,* Rik P. Huizinga and Bettina van Hoven provide an insightful look at the discrepancies of Syrian refugee inclusion into a society that is arcane to them; that of the Netherlands.

Ex 5

I will examine and discuss if in fact the authors of this article show the readers that the Dutch migrant integration system makes Syrian people feel isolated or make them feel unwelcomed to Dutch society.

State what you found as the thesis.

For example, “The authors successfully show readers that the Dutch asylum system…” or the authors effectively show that …, but their research is limited because …”

Ex 6

To get a better understanding of what life as a refugee Netherlands is like, I have decided to review *Everyday geographies of belonging: Syrian refugee experiences in the Northern Netherlands* By Rik P. Huizinga and Bettina van Hoven.

Instead,

Rik P. Huizinga and Bettina van Hoven in *Everyday geographies of belonging: Syrian refugee experiences in the Northern Netherlands* present a study of the Netherlands to get a better understanding of what life is like as a refugee.

Work on writing and strengthening your thesis statement by answering Why? How? And Under what circumstances? The article is convincing because …