

THE THESIS STATEMENT



I. What is a Thesis Statement?

A one or few sentence summary that explains what the project is trying to prove or analyze. What's it all about? The thesis statement is usually the last sentence in your introductory paragraph.

II. How do I write a Thesis Statement?

A. Evaluate the thesis statements on the following page. Ask these questions for each thesis:

1. Is it clear what the project will be about?
2. Is it arguable? Is there something that has to be proven?
3. Will research be necessary to prove the thesis?
4. Is there only one main idea?
5. Is it about something in the past that is important?

B. Consider your main points:

- You should have AT LEAST 3 main points.
- Those 3 main points will become your TOPIC SENTENCES for your body paragraphs.

Thesis Statement Formulas:

Use THREE of the formulas below to write possible thesis statements. CIRCLE your favorite, then check it with a teacher.

- This paper will discuss (Build-up to...), (Leadership in...), and (the Legacy of...)
- (Main event) was a significant event in history because (Leadership) and its lasting effects were (Legacy)
- (Main event) was a major event history and (Leader) was an important person involved in the event. The lasting effects of the event were (Legacy).

Thesis #1

Thesis #2

Thesis #3



STOP HERE:

Bring your completed packet to a teacher. You will need to be checked off before you may move on.

TEACHER APPROVAL: _____