



# Writing a Thesis Statement



# What Is A Thesis Statement?

thesis statement – one sentence of a paper presented like a fact that makes a claim about a topic

- a direct answer to the stated or implied question
- a road map for the reader
- one sentence that takes a position



# Where Do You Include The Thesis?

A good practice is to put the thesis statement at the end of your introduction so you can use it to lead into the body of your paper. This allows you, as the writer, to lead up to the thesis statement instead of diving directly into the topic. If you place the thesis statement at the beginning, your reader may forget or be confused about the main idea by the time he/she reaches the end of the introduction. Remember, a good introduction conceptualizes and anticipates the thesis statement.

# THESIS STEPS

1.Topic


2.Question

3.Topic and Claim

4.Support

5.Do's and Don'ts





# QUESTION

A thesis statement is a specific response to a question.

Sometimes a student is given the freedom to formulate this question.

Sometimes a teacher will assign this question to a student.

Sometimes the question is implied.



# TOPIC AND CLAIM

A thesis statement mentions two things:

1. The topic of the paper
2. A specific position regarding the topic



# SUPPORT

After a preliminary thesis is written, evidence must be written down.

This step often includes research.

A good practice is to list all of the initial evidence that supports the claim.



# DO'S AND DON'TS

1. Do state the thesis as if it is a fact.

2. Do state the thesis as ONE clear sentence.

3. Do write the thesis as the last sentence of the introduction.

4. Do look at the topic in a debatable manner.

1. Do not state the thesis as a question.

2. Do not write the thesis as if it is the answer to a basic 'yes or no' question.





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