

Thesis Statement Template

Remember: Your thesis statement is the main argument of your essay! It should be the last sentence in your introduction.

Avoid words like “should” and “must” and clichés. Your thesis statement narrows your topic to a specific argument or idea. This is the idea that you’re conveying throughout your essay. All your examples and evidence need to reflect and support your thesis statement.

Remember the formula for writing a thesis statement: identify your argument and show the reader your stance.

An example for a literary analysis thesis:

In insert poem/book/play title insert poet's/author's name shows/conveys/discusses/argues/etc. that insert complex, compelling argument or theme.

Use one of the following templates or create your own:

In insert poem/book/play title insert poet's/author's name shows/conveys/discusses/argues/etc. that...

1. _____; however, _____.
2. in order to _____, _____.
3. _____ requires _____.
4. despite _____, _____.
5. although _____, _____.
6. when a person _____, _____.
7. when _____, _____.
8. if _____, _____.
9. in a world where _____, people often _____.
10. people who _____, often _____.

****** Remember: Your thesis and outline must be approved before you begin drafting! Let's conference! ******