

How to Write Successful Thesis Statements

If we thought of a text as an organic body of ideas, the thesis statement would be the brains of the operation. A thesis statement expresses the main point or argument on a particular topic; i.e. what the text is about. It establishes the central idea and points of development of the essay and it is usually found in the introduction.

5 TIPS FOR CREATING THESIS STATEMENTS:



#1 HAVE AN INFORMED OPINION

Revise notes and do research. Learning more about the topic will help you nurture an array of ideas. Avoid summarizing the facts. The key is to engage your reader by taking a stance based on your point of view!

2 BE SPECIFIC

Too much information is a recipe for an weak thesis statement. Facts and arguments can support your ideas, but you should manage them wisely! Address the matter at hand with a direct and focused manner in one or two sentences that provide sufficient context.



#3 AVOID QUOTATIONS

Compelling quotes are a strategic option for hook sentences, but not for thesis statements. Let your reader know that you have something to say about the subject, don't just copy what someone else says. It's your time to shine!

4 WRITE A DIRECT THESIS STATEMENT

There are two types of thesis statements: the direct and the indirect. The direct thesis statement presents an explicit main idea by briefly stating the arguments of each paragraph. This type of thesis is an effective and concise form of providing an outline to the reader.



Don't forget to visit our website and check out the workshop on thesis statements and topic sentences!

