

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 idea or claim on a particular topic and introduces the points of development of the essay. The thesis is usually found in the introduction.

4 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 informed opinion.

2 BE SPECIFIC

Too much information is a recipe for a weak thesis. **Focus** on the matter at hand so you can present a **single idea** in one or two sentences that provide sufficient context to **clearly establish your claim**.



#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** and **briefly** introduces the **arguments of each paragraph**. This type of thesis is an effective and concise way of providing an **outline** to the reader.



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

