

Basic Principles Of Thesis Statements

- The thesis statement is a sentence that is used at the end of the first paragraph to introduce to the reader the point you are making about a topic and give a concise preview of your supporting arguments.
- It establishes organization and clarity by revealing what you are trying to prove in the essay and that these supporting arguments will appear in a certain order: "From examining A, B, and C, it is clear that... [opinion]." [Paragraph 2=A, 3=B and 4=C].
- It must be a point or an argument that you can prove with the evidence at hand (e.g., evidence from your texts or from your research).
- A thesis statement should not be a statement of fact, a question, a list, or an assertion with which every reader is likely to immediately agree. It should be argumentative.
- Avoid the use of first person: "In this paper I will explore/argue" etc. It is more effective to simply state the arguments or points of analysis directly, without the first person.
- If you are responding to an assignment, the thesis should answer the question your teacher has asked.