

Write a Thesis Statement

Often the best thesis can be written after you have completed some research on your topic. It will usually consist of three parts:

1. Your topic
2. Your position on the topic
3. Evidence- based reasons for your position on the topic

Use this template to help write your thesis statement:

“My topic” is/ contributes to “my position on the topic” because of “reason 1”, “reason 2”, and “reason 3”.

Example:

1. Facebook leads to a decline in student grades because it takes up time a student could spend studying. It leads to attention deficit disorder and causes depression.
2. In terms of rhythm, the tendency to sample the melodies of the day, and musical structure, there are undeniable similarities between hip-hop and classical music.
3. It should be illegal to own pet giraffes in the city because they eat all the shrubs, it is hard to clean up after them, and they damage property.

A common obstacle in creating a good thesis statement often happens when you have chosen a topic that is either too broad or too narrow. If your topic is too broad, your thesis will end up vague; if your topic is too narrow, it will be difficult to find evidence to back up your claim.

Thesis Statement Worksheet

1. Your Topic:

2. Your position on the topic:

3. Evidence-based reasons for your position:

a.

b.

c.

Working Thesis:

As you continue to conduct your research, you will need to modify or adjust your thesis statement. Your opinion may change as you think about your topic, you may find evidence that changes your mind. Consult your professor if needed.

Final Thesis Statement:
