

Writing a Thesis Statement

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Objectives:

Understand what a thesis statement is

Why do we need a thesis?

Difference between thesis/outline

Activity

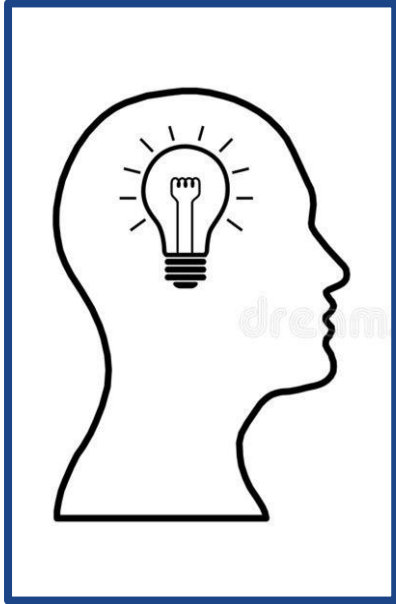
Examples & Tips

What is a thesis statement?



Thesis statement:

The sentence that states the main idea of a writing assignment and helps control the ideas within the paper.



Why do you need a
thesis?

- Offers a concise summary of the main point or claim of the essay, research paper, etc.
- Usually appears at the conclusion of the introductory paragraph of a paper.
- Helps your reader know your topic, position on that topic, and your reasons or how you'll be talking about it.

Thesis vs Outline

Question: *Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is an important consideration for business. Do you agree?*

Corporations and businesses need to focus on being competitive, profitable and sustainable in order to survive. Corporate Social Responsibility is a management concept whereby companies integrate social and environmental concerns in their business operations and interactions with their stakeholders (UNDIO, 2021). Although it may not always be possible for every business to focus on CSR due to financial limitations, it should be a top priority for SMEs and large corporations if they want to improve their reputation, attract investment and maximise profitability. This essay will discuss the key reasons for implementing CSR and conclude that CSR is a sustainable business plan.

General sentence – introduce the general topic and reason for argument / controversy.

Specific – what is the main topic & definition.

Thesis – should include the **key topics** of your argument. It **must include your stance**

Outline – what is the general structure of the essay and a suggestion.

Activity

Activity:

How do you start your thesis?

Prompt #1:

Write about a life changing event and how it shaped you into the person you are today.

Prompt #2:

Tik Tok is a social media platforms used by millions of people for hours in a day. Why might it be inconvenient for it to be banned?

Examples

Good Example:

Technology has decreased our level of connectedness to others because it allows to disconnect from people in our physical environment and it does not foster the social skills needed in order to help us connect to those around us.

Good Example:

Topic

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Good Example:

Position

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Reasons

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Position

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Reasons

Bad example:

The judicial system needs to have power over Congress in order to do its job.

Why is it bad?

Unclear: why?

What does this statement mean? In what way does it need to have power over Congress? What is the job the judicial system cannot carry out without this power?

Tips

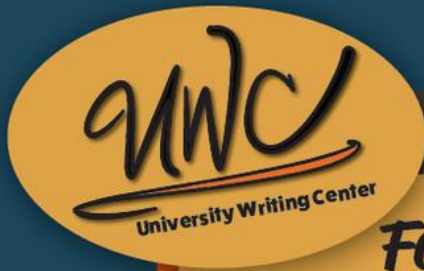
Final Tips:

An effective thesis statement...

- Provides readers with the main claim.
- Tells readers what your paper will be about.
- Write it as a statement rather than a question.
- Use your own words not quotes from a source.

Questions?

Thank You! :)



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