

Developing a Thesis Statement

To create a thesis statement come up with a question and identify possible perspectives, perceptions, solutions. From this choose a position, **take a stand**, and list evidence or proof to support.

A thesis statement tells the reader how you will interpret the significance of the subject.

A thesis is not confrontational; it is narrow rather than broad. A thesis takes a stand and is not a fact or observation.

A good thesis has three parts:

Part 1 states topic

Part 2 states position

Part 3 states area of investigation

Does the thesis answer the question?

How to tell a strong thesis statement from a weak one.

1. Takes a stand
2. Justifies discussion
3. expresses one main idea
4. is specific

Try out your thesis in one of the sentences. Does it work?

[Something] [does something] because [reason(s)].

Because [reason(s)], [something][does something].

Although [opposing evidence], [reasons] show [something] [does something].