



Thesis Statement

In an academic essay, a thesis statement makes the author's claim and gives the reader clues about how the author intends to develop this claim in the essay. The thesis sentence usually follows some kind of brief introductory passage, and typically appears in the first paragraph.

A good strategy for developing your thesis statement is to ask yourself questions about your topic, then take some time to understand what your own opinion is on the answer. Use the organizer below to follow this process to develop a working thesis statement for your essay.

What is your topic? _____

What question do you have about your topic? _____

What is the answer to your question? _____

What is your opinion? _____

Write your working thesis: _____
