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# The Thesis Statement

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An **argumentative paper** makes a **claim** about a **topic** and justifies this claim with specific evidence.

The claim could be an opinion, a policy proposal, an evaluation, a cause-and-effect statement, or an interpretation. The goal of the argumentative paper is to **convince** the audience that the claim is **true** based on the **evidence provided**.

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## 2

The Thesis Statement should be **specific**:

it should cover only what you will discuss in your paper and should be supported with specific **evidence**.

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# 3

The thesis statement appears **at the end of the first paragraph** of a paper.

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The Thesis Statement should **state your claim** and give **three arguable reasons** for that statement:

**The thing is like this because of first reason, second reason, and third reason.**

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**Example of an argumentative thesis statement:**

**All schools should give their students a free bowl of porridge in the morning as this will improve attendance, make students more attentive in class and lead to better grades.**

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The claim:

All schools should give their students a free bowl of porridge in the morning as this will improve attendance, make students more attentive in class and lead to better grades.

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The first reason:

All schools should give their students a free bowl of porridge in the morning as this will improve attendance, make students more attentive in class and lead to better grades.

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The second reason:

All schools should give their students a free bowl of porridge in the morning as this will improve attendance, make students more attentive in class and lead to better grades.

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The third reason:

All schools should give their students a free bowl of porridge in the morning as this will improve attendance, make students more attentive in class and lead to better grades.

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# 6

**Now the essay starts writing itself:**

The reasons given in the Thesis Statement can now be used to write the topic sentences for the three paragraphs in the body of the essay.

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