

## Thesis Statement Facts

### Basics

- The thesis statement is usually at or near the end of the essay's introductory paragraph.
- The thesis statement is one or two complete sentences.
- The thesis statement answers the main topic of the assignment.

### Structure

- The thesis statement contains one main point.
- The thesis statement often includes two or three supporting ideas.
- The thesis statement can form a miniature outline of the essay.

### Content

- The main point of the thesis statement is a concrete assertion, claim, or opinion that expresses a specific point of view.
- The supporting ideas directly relate to the main point.
- The thesis statement usually uses powerful language and the active voice to keep the reader's attention.

### Relationship with the Essay

- The essay discusses, develops, and supports the thesis statement with facts, examples, and good reasoning.
- The conclusion restates the thesis statement in a different way.