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.

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