

# THESIS STATEMENTS

#### WHAT IS A THESIS STATEMENT?

A is a direct, concise statement of your paper's major focus or argument. Your thesis statement is the central message that states your position on a topic. A strong thesis takes a stand, generates discussion, and expresses one main idea about a topic; in other words, it details the conclusion(s) you reached about your position or the topic.

For more information on thesis statements and additional strategies to use while constructing a thesis statement, see our workshop on thesis statements.

### FUNCTION OF A THESIS STATEMENT

A thesis statement aids your reader in following and identifying the scope, purpose, and direction of your paper. A thesis statement allows you to narrow the scope of your writing to a specific question that can be

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## STEPS TO DEVELOP A THESIS STATEMENT

Write a sentence that s