

Create a Thesis Statement

A thesis statement should specify your topic and your position about that topic

THESIS PATTERNS

Thesis Pattern 1: EXPLANATION

A Topic what you will address about that topic

EXAMPLE: *Our Medicare system should be reformed to provide the elderly with coverage of prescription drugs.*

EXAMPLE: *Much of the controversy about abortion is based on differences in the definition of when life begins.*

Thesis Pattern 2: SUPPORT POINT OF VIEW

A stand about the topic why that stand is appropriate

EXAMPLE: *The death penalty should be abolished because it does not deter crime.*

EXAMPLE: *Chemicals should not be used on home lawns because they pollute the environment.*

Thesis Pattern 3: CONTRASTING VIEWS

Our view of a topic contrasted with another view of the topic

EXAMPLE: *The Spanish-American War might have been focused on independence for Cuba and the Philippines, but it was actually stimulated by Imperialism on the part of the United States and Spain.*

EXAMPLE: *Some feel that The Kite Runner is a significant book because of its treatment of the Middle Eastern Culture, but some believe it is a study of integrity.*

Thesis Pattern 4: PROBLEM AND SOLUTION

Topic problem how it could be solved

EXAMPLE: *Pollution from car exhaust is contributing to problems with the ozone layer, so cars should be re-designed to avoid pollution problems.*

EXAMPLE: *Many students get to college unprepared to do research papers, so more research skills should be taught in high schools.*