

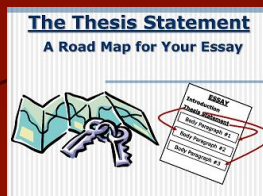
Characteristics

- Writer for an expository essay is doing something similar
- Characteristics of the Expository Essay
 - Who are you addressing? Someone whom you cannot assume knows the events you are speaking of
 - Formality: trying to be serious and correct not 'boring'. No slang. Well formed.
 - Argumentation: strong feelings can be an advantage when it comes to motivation for working on an essay but remember the essay should be based on argumentation (ie. Reasoned discussion) = not just what you feel on an issue but the facts and interpretations you are basing your understanding on
 - Length: 5 paragraphs.



Writing Format

- Introduction
 - THESIS
 - What should your thesis say? Exactly what your essay will be about.



Thesis Statement

- Requirements of a strong thesis:
 - It should not be too broad
 - It should not be too narrow
 - It should not be too vague
- A successful thesis statement:
 - Is usually one sentence
 - Is a statement not a question
 - Identifies the subject of the paper
 - Takes a stand rather than simply announces a subject



Successful

- Will make a claim
 - This doesn't mean that you have to reduce an idea to an "either/or" proposition and then take a stand
 - You need to develop an interesting perspective that you can support and defend.
 - Must be more than an observation
 - Ex. "America is violent" is an observation. "Americans are violent because they are fearful" is an argument. Why? Because it posits a perspective. It makes a claim

Contract

- Think of it like a contract between you and your reader. If you introduce ideas that the reader isn't prepared for, you've violated that contract
- Not just WHAT your argument is but HOW your argument will be presented
- It should directly or indirectly suggest the structure of your argument

Thesis

- So how do you write one?
 - Start off with your TOPIC, outline and information
 - Ask yourself a few questions
 - What is the most important thought that I have about my topic?
 - What has my research shown me about my topic?
 - What would my reader want to know about my topic?
 - What will be the POINT of my essay?
 - Then Ask yourself:
 - Is it too broad? Is it too narrow? Is it too vague?

Writing Thesis Statements in 3 Steps

1. Make the topic specific	2. Continue with a debatable phrase	3. Explain the significance to the audience
Exactly who?	does...	, proving that...
When?	does not... should...	, resulting in...
How many?	should not...	, making us doubt...
Which ones?	highlights...	, reminding us that...
Where?	ignores...	

Example 1: The longer school day in Chicago next year does not guarantee that students will be productive in classes, reminding us that young people need to find learning meaningful.

Example 2: The longer school day in Chicago next year does guarantee more learning opportunities, resulting in increased student success.

Reminder

- Thesis should always
 - Present your opinions or thoughts on a subject or an issue. You cannot write an essay without one.
 - Must contain a subject + an opinion
 - Answers the topic question (the one presented to you)

Try It.

- Describe realistic strategies that Canadians could take to reduce their negative impact on land, water and the atmosphere.
- And now:
- Explain the difficulties that developing nations experience as they try to break the poverty cycle.
