

Thesis Statement

A thesis statement:

- Tells the reader what you will be writing about, BUT does not include the word “I.” DO NOT WRITE: “I am going to tell you about...” or “I am going to write about...” etc...
- Needs to be something you can PROVE in your paper.
- A thesis statement is an interpretation of a question or subject, **not** the subject itself.
- Is usually the last sentence in your introductory paragraph. The rest of the paper (the body) gathers and organizes evidence that will inform the reader of the logic of your thesis statement.
- When writing a thesis statement, do not write “I think that...” It is much more effective if you state your opinion as a fact. For example, “Adolf Hitler was a mad man who killed...” sounds A LOT more professional than “I think that Hitler was a mad man who killed...”
- It must be phrased in such a way as to lend itself to argument or debate. It must contain qualifying language. EX. The medical experiments performed during the Holocaust were the **worst** types of torture endured by the Jews. This lends itself to someone saying they were not.