

1 How to Write A Good Essay

1.1 Developing a Thesis

Thesis statement needs to be narrow. Focus on an article by critiquing a prompt, question, etc. It needs to be *argumentative*.

(Note: For a thesis idea, you can talk about mental disorders by using resources from the text.)

1.2 Points to Focus On

- Need a hook.
 - Like a poem, a work of art, something someone is going to recognize, an example of what your debate is going to focus on.
 - Needs a good question: Uncontrollable wonder.
 - * “Lead instead of telling.”
 - Provide answers for other questions that have already been asked.
 - * Summarize a literature review (optional).
- The return.
 - State thesis.
- The body:
 - Pick any of the following:
 - * Deepening the argument.
 - Go into further detail about the thesis. Argue for novelty in your thesis.
 - * Reckoning with the counterargument.
 - A conflict / struggle.
 - Back and forth with the literature.
 - Answer questions before they are asked.
 - * Disclosing.
 - Truth, values, knowledge is equivalent to saying something correctly. This is wrong.
 - We need to take secrets that are hidden from the normal view, and bring it to light.
 - Created something new.
- The return of the hook.

- A moment of exhilaration.
 1. Moments of “Aha!” to change the way someone perceives a concept.
 2. Involves:
 - Feeling
 - Change in emotion
 - Articulation of what people understand
 - Willing to change the readers’ minds
- End the essay with further work. That is, how can you show that the conversation can go further?
 - Come up with objections.