

Thesis Statement Practice

To practice writing appropriate thesis statements for research papers, you will choose an academic topic and write three different thesis statements on that one topic. Each thesis must have a clear topic and controlling idea. It must also be arguable (debatable) and complex. You will submit your three thesis statements for feedback and grading.

Below are the same topics that you used for the annotated bibliography. You can choose the same topic you chose for the bibliography, or you can choose a new topic from the list. Also, for this exercise, you can choose a topic in a different field of study that you might actually write about in college. If you don't know of a different subject, then choose one of the topics below.

Practice Topics (Choose one):

Urban Crime
Alzheimer's disease
Animal rights
International Trade
Alternative energy sources

Child nutrition
Food allergies
Internet security
Adult literacy
Interest Rates

Make sure your thesis statements:

- have a clear topic
- have a controlling idea
- are arguable
- are complex

Examples of thesis statements that meet these requirements:

Because weather patterns change all the time, the effects of global warming are inconclusive and should not be used to determine industrial practices.

The tone of discourse in the United States regarding terrorism has deteriorated to a level that will harm relations with key allies.

Pesticides on food grown in the United States contribute to obesity and other health concerns and should not be allowed on produce shipped to Mexico.

Specific
topics shown
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Controlling
ideas shown
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