

Construct a Plausible Thesis

OBJECTIVES

1. Free write for 5 minutes or more about the topic you selected.
2. Looking over your Search Form, and following the class-demo, construct a plausible, working thesis.

Remember:

 - your thesis statement declares your position on a topic and in some cases explains the purpose of the document.
 - the thesis must limit your topic and likewise incorporate your point of view
 - the thesis must be phrased as a statement rather than a question
3. On a second sheet of paper, write three to five paragraphs detailing how you arrived at your thesis statement:
 - What evidence led you to this conclusion?
 - What lack of evidence led you to this conclusion?
 - Did you find adequate resources?
 - Do you feel this thesis is strong enough to work for your research paper?
 - Why or why not?
4. Ask the instructor to clarify any information you do not understand.
5. due tonight, end of class:
 - free-writing exercise #5
 - possible yet accurate thesis statement
 - three-to-five paragraphs discussing the evidence you found to support your idea
 - Search Form with cover sheet from Group discussion

Check List

Before you submit the assignment, proof your work.

- Does the thesis statement limit your topic?
- Does the thesis statement incorporate your opinion?
- Does the thesis statement communicate a main point accurately?
- Check your paragraphs:
 - Do the supporting details explain fully what you want to say?
 - Does the tone fit the audience?
 - Is the organizational strategy logical?
 - Do the 3-5 paragraphs back up the intentions of your thesis?
 - Did you answer all of the questions from #3?
 - Do your sentences contain any spelling or grammatical errors?
 - Are your sentences complete?
 - Did you use a minimum of three passive verbs?