

Declaration of Thesis

Part one of the final project involves conducting preliminary research, choosing a topic for your paper, and creating a formal thesis statement. Over this week, visit the library databases to narrow down topics and to select your subject from the list of social issues.

OBJECTIVES

01. Begin gathering articles which you will use as reference for your paper.
02. E-mail me at least one article from a selected database relating to your topic.
 - Be sure you include your name for identification.
03. Print out a formal declaration of your proposed thesis. Remember, evidence may later force you to modify your observation. You cannot change topics.
 - A thesis is a declaration which names your topic *plus* a fact regarding the subject, *plus* an observation.
 - A thesis is very specific and shows the direction you will take the paper.
 - A thesis does not show a bias nor an overt opinion regarding the subject.
04. Printed thesis is due Thursday, 07.01.10.

The following statement is weak; this statement is too vague. It stresses only an opinion: A national border wall should be built along the region of Southern Texas.

The following is a correct thesis; it shows the type of research and documentation the student will conduct.

Current events involving increased drug traffic and illegal immigration have forced the United States to consider implementing a National Border Wall, specifically along the Southern Texas-Northern Mexico regions; this measure may offer a deterrent for possible terrorist attacks and even help restructure the failing economy.