

# 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.