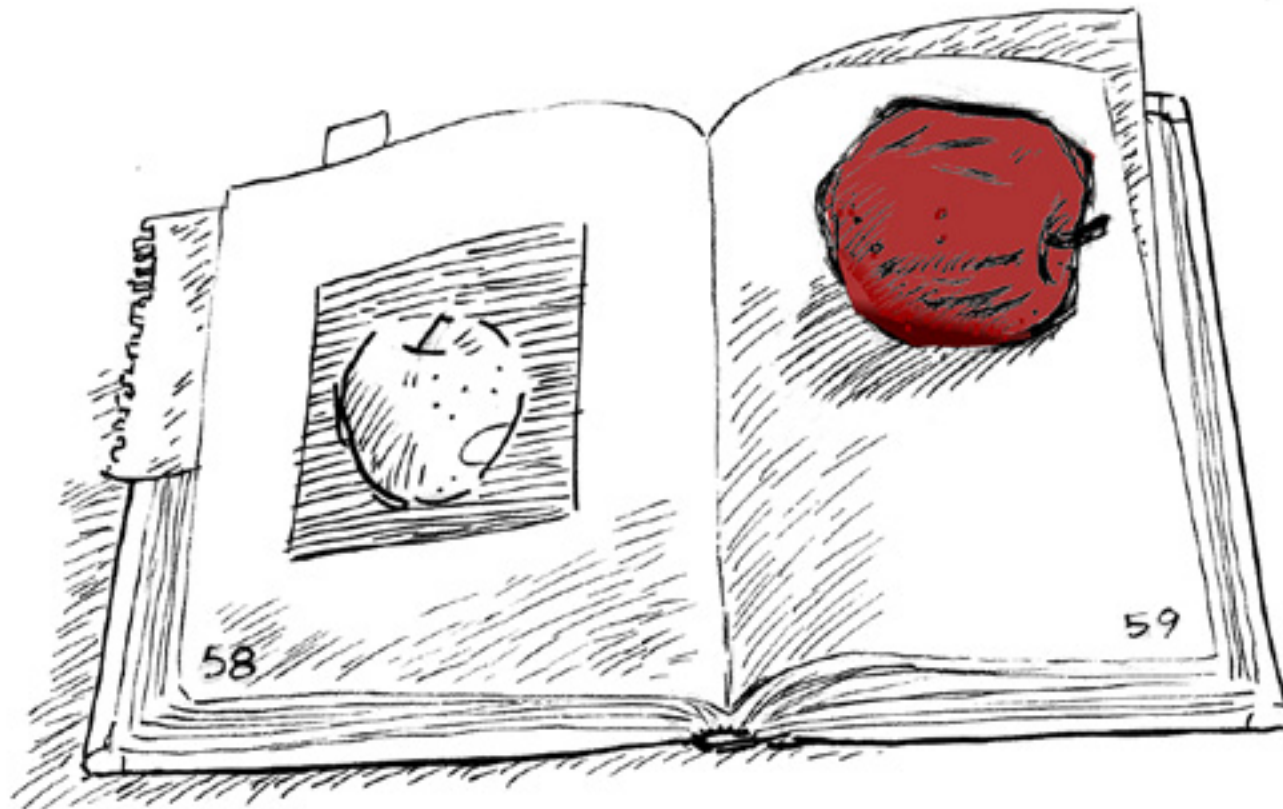


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The thesis statement is:

- is the unifying force in the paper
- it is the point you are arguing; the thesis defines your position on a subject;
your paper will provide convincing evidence to support the thesis
- a declarative statement, composed of one to two sentences

A thesis states a fact about your topic and your point of view on the topic:

topic + opinion + fact = thesis

The Texas policy of capital punishment is a working example
of a system of state-controlled policies which acts as a deterrent to crime.