Generating a Thesis Statement



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Thesis Statement

• As the topic sentence must be the unifying force in the paragraph the thesis is the unifying force in the essay.

• All essays that involve the development of an argument require a thesis. While the topic is your limited subject, the thesis defines your position on that subject. Your essay will take a position and will provide convincing evidence to support that view.

• A working thesis directs your thoughts and research; of course your thesis may change as your reading and writing progresses and you begin to incorporate new information.

• Your thesis states a fact about your topic <u>and</u> your point of view on the topic.

<u>Cable television has not delivered on its promise to provide an alternative</u> <u>solution to network programming</u>.