

How to write a thesis statement

To create a thesis statement simply follow this formula:

TOPIC + OPINION = THESIS STATEMENT

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Animals	+	Dogs make better pets than cats	=	When it comes to animals, dogs make better pets than cats.
Movies and emotions	+	<i>Titanic</i> ignited many emotions	=	The movie <i>Titanic</i> ignited many emotions in an audience.
Gangs and identity in the story "On the Sidewalk Bleeding".	+	The boy lost his personal identity and was only seen as a gang member.	=	In the story "On the Sidewalk Bleeding", the boy loses his identity and is only recognized as a gang member.

Basic formula for Agree/Disagree Question Essays:

X is Y because of a, b

X

Y

Restricting soft drinks in schools is a good policy to control obesity in children because soft drinks contribute to an unhealthy life style, and children are rarely concerned with healthy drink choices.

X (should/should not) Y because a ,b ,c

X

Y

a

b

Smoking should be banned because it causes addiction, produces cancer, and costs immeasurable amounts of money.

**With this formula in mind, you will always be certain to include an assertion (should/should not) and support (a b ,c).

Another formula for a thesis:

Start with the word "Although" + a concession (nod to the other side) + position statement.

Example: Although the second amendment to the constitution gives individuals the right to own arms, gun ownership should be controlled.