

Thesis Statement Worksheet

Name _____ Hour _____

1. Title and author of your book:

2. **Focus:** What literary element or recurring image do you want to focus on in your essay? Why? What questions do you have about this focus detail?

3. Go back to your book and trace **every** appearance of the focus detail through your book. Use sticky notes or written notations. In the body of your essay, you will use these quotes to help develop and support your interpretation.

4. **Meaning** of the novel
 - a. Thematic topic: This is a book about: _____ (Write one or two words)

 - b. Theme: What universal idea does the novel reveal about this thematic topic? (Write one complete sentence.)

Theme of the novel or play: _____

5. **Free-Write** for 10 minutes on the back of this page
 - I have already figured this out:
 - I haven't figured this out:

6. Thesis: Precisely answer this question in one sentence: What is the importance of your focus detail in the book? (For example, does it reflect and help to develop CHARACTER? How? Does it directly reveal the THEME? How?)

Thesis Statement. State the **focus** of your essay—a particular literary element—and **why it is important in the book**. Write a single clear sentence:

