

Thrilling Thesis Statements!

What is a Thesis Statement?

A thesis statement is the **main idea** of an essay. It puts forth an arguable opinion about a subject.

A thesis statement has **3 main parts**: the subject, the opinion, and the plan.

Think SOB: Subject, Opinion, Blueprint

EXAMPLE:

Animal Farm and "*Harrison Bergeron*" are fierce criticisms of utopian visions in their portrayal of absolute power and paralyzed citizens.

1. Subject

The subject tells the reader exactly **on what, or whom the essay focuses**.

EXAMPLE:

Animal Farm and "*Harrison Bergeron*" is the SUBJECT of the thesis.

2. Opinion

The precise opinion gives your **answer to a question** about the subject. A precise opinion is vital to the reader's comprehension of the goal of the essay.

EXAMPLE:

Animal Farm and "*Harrison Bergeron*" are fierce criticisms of utopian visions is the OPINION of the thesis.

3. Blueprint

The blueprint is a plan for the essay. In the blueprint, the author **signals an intention to support the precise opinion**.

EXAMPLE:

...in their portrayal of absolute power and paralyzed citizens is the BLUEPRINT of the thesis. It shows how the writer is going to focus on examples of absolute power and examples of paralyzed citizens to support the opinion that each work of literature criticizes the utopian visions.

REMEMBER! A thesis is an opinion and not a list of facts, summary, or observation.