

## Thesis Statement Worksheet

What is your topic?: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What background information does the reader need to know before you state your thesis?: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is your working thesis statement?: \_\_\_\_\_  
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| <p>Test your thesis statement. Does your thesis statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▫ Make a claim that a reader can agree or disagree with?</li><li>▫ Reflect knowledge of the source material?</li><li>▫ Pick out an idea that can be defended in the space allowed?</li><li>▫ Limit the kinds of evidence you can use to defend it?</li></ul> |
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What evidence, examples, or arguments will you use to support the working thesis?: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Once you've written a draft, rewrite your thesis statement to improve it: \_\_\_\_\_  
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