

Thesis Statement Formula Worksheet (Detailed Edition)

How to Use This Worksheet

This worksheet guides you through creating strong thesis statements for eight major essay types. Each section includes a formula, examples, common mistakes, and fill-in-the-blank templates.

1. Argumentative Essay Thesis Formula

Formula: [Claim] + because + [Reason 1] + [Reason 2].

Fill-in-the-Blank Templates

- [Topic] should be [Position] because [Reason 1] and [Reason 2].
- Although some believe [Opposing View], [Your View] is true because [Reason 1] and [Reason 2].
- [Solution] is the best way to address [Issue] because [Reason 1] and [Reason 2].

Examples (Good vs. Weak)

Weak: School uniforms are good.

Good: School uniforms should be required because they reduce bullying and promote equality.

2. Analytical Essay Thesis Formula

Formula: [Topic] + [Analytical Angle] + reveals/shows/demonstrates + [Insight].

Templates

- By examining [Element], it becomes clear that [Insight].
- The use of [Technique] in [Work] reveals [Meaning].
- [Character/Theme] demonstrates [Insight] through [Device].

3. Expository Essay Thesis Formula

Formula: [Topic] + will be explained by + [Point 1], [Point 2], [Point 3].

Templates

- [Topic] can be understood by examining [Point 1], [Point 2], and [Point 3].
- The process of [Process] involves [Step 1], [Step 2], and [Step 3].

4. Compare & Contrast Thesis Formula

Formula: [A] and [B] + differ/similar + in terms of + [Point 1], [Point 2].

Templates

- While [A] and [B] differ in [Point], they share similarities in [Point].
- [A] and [B] can be compared through [Point 1] and [Point 2].

5. Cause & Effect Thesis Formula

Formula: [Cause] leads to [Effect 1] and [Effect 2].

Templates

- [Cause] leads to [Effect 1] and [Effect 2].
- The rise in [Trend] has caused [Effect 1] and [Effect 2].

6. Narrative Essay Thesis Formula

Formula: [Event] + taught me + [Lesson].

Templates

- The experience of [Event] taught me that [Lesson].
- When I experienced [Situation], I learned [Lesson].

7. Literary Analysis Thesis Formula

Formula: In [Work], [Author] uses [Device] to show/reveal [Theme].

Templates

- In [Work], [Author] uses [Device] to reveal [Theme].
- Through [Technique], the author demonstrates [Theme].

8. Research Essay Thesis Formula

Formula: [Topic] + is important because + [Reason 1], [Reason 2], [Reason 3].

Templates

- [Topic] is significant because [Reason 1], [Reason 2], and [Reason 3].
- Understanding [Topic] requires examining [Aspect 1], [Aspect 2], and [Aspect 3].

Common Thesis Mistakes to Avoid

- Too broad or too vague.
- Only stating a fact instead of an argument.
- Listing ideas without connection.
- Missing a clear stance.