

# Thesis Statement Template

## Template ONE:

The general argument made by author \_\_\_\_\_ in his/her work \_\_\_\_\_ is that \_\_\_\_\_.

More specifically, \_\_\_\_\_ argues that \_\_\_\_\_.

## Template TWO:

\_\_\_\_\_ is wrong/right because \_\_\_\_\_.

More specifically, \_\_\_\_\_ believes/demonstrates, argues, that \_\_\_\_\_.

## Template THREE:

Although \_\_\_\_\_ (believes, demonstrates, argues) that \_\_\_\_\_, I suggest that \_\_\_\_\_.

## Or, simply

In \_\_\_\_\_ (title), \_\_\_\_\_ (author) uses \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

In order to convey \_\_\_\_\_.

## And, more sophisticated,

By looking at \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ one can see \_\_\_\_\_ which is important because \_\_\_\_\_.

(something not obvious and others may not see—the opinion part.)

## Template FOUR:

### Comparison/ Contrast

The differences [similarities] between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are (striking, pronounced) and they deserve \_\_\_\_\_. (thorough investigation, rigorous scrutiny, examination)

### Or

Although they bear some similarities, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have many differences including \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

## Two Sided Issues

The debate over \_\_\_\_\_ is very complicated, and it can best be explained by considering the lines of argument that people follow—the reasons that they offer in support of their claims, and the evidence that they present in support of their reasons. Some contend that \_\_\_\_\_, offering the following reasons and evidence to convince their audiences.... Some, however, believe that \_\_\_\_\_, and they offer (different/similar/the same) reasons and evidence in support of their claims, such as \_\_\_\_\_.

Some, for example, contend \_\_\_\_\_ while others maintain that \_\_\_\_\_. There is also substantial disagreement about how to define certain terms. Some define \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_, while others insist that \_\_\_\_\_ is best defined as \_\_\_\_\_. People disagree about how to evaluate the situation, with some people saying \_\_\_\_\_ and others insisting \_\_\_\_\_. Finally, there is disagreement about what to do. Some want us to \_\_\_\_\_ while others would have us \_\_\_\_\_.