

Thesis Statement Notes

- A thesis is tells your reader what you are writing about, and what you are trying to support.
- A thesis should be something that is arguable.
- A thesis is a **statement**, not a question. Make sure your **thesis statement** ends with a period.

Formula:

1. Create a question about your topic
2. Answer the question (come up with at least two answers)
3. Combine steps 1 and 2 to create your thesis statement (remember, this IS NOT a question)

Question Stems:

- What is important about _____?
- Why is _____ important?
- Why is _____ interesting?
- What are two facts about _____?

Example: Writers Workshop

1. What are two facts about writers workshop?
2. Students have choice in their writing, and the teacher confers.
3. **THESIS STATEMENT**→Two facts about writers workshop are that the students have choice, and the teachers confers with students.

Take your thesis a step further by revising the stem→Writers workshop is a successful teaching practice because students have choice in their writing, and the teacher can confer with the students.