



Tips for Writing an Arguable & Developed Thesis Statement

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Tips:

- **Gather information** you want to include in your paper, or the main points you want to make, or simply all the info you know on the topic prior to researching.
 - It could be helpful to create a bullet list of things you want/need to include in your paper.
 - Jot down how you want to respond to the prompt/your immediate thoughts
- **Separate the information** gathered (or the information in your head) into main points that are relative to the prompt.
 - The typical paper is 5 paragraphs, which is 3 body paragraphs. Your thesis statement should be the last sentence of your introductory paragraph.
 - Have three main points. Then, you can focus on covering one main point in each body paragraph.
- **Answer the main question of the prompt, make a stance, etc.** (depending on the kind of essay you are writing + the prompt you have been assigned)
 - **Example:** “The Spanish Inquisition highlights the dark history of the Catholic church by showing how they treated those of different societal, religious, and cultural backgrounds.”
 - Underline: The stance of the thesis
 - **Bold:** The main points you will focus on in your essay (one per body paragraph)
- **Make your thesis statement unique.** (not something everyone in your class would write)
 - An arguable thesis statement should bring up unique or controversial ideas that your audience will have to read your explanation of to understand your point of view.
 - Do not be overly generic; your thesis needs to be original to you and your thoughts.