A STUDENT’S GUIDE TO THESIS STATEMENTS

HOW TO ACHIEVE THE ‘PERFECT’ THESIS STATEMENT

1. WHAT IS THE ISSUE?
Clearly state the argument or purpose of the paper and answer the writing task. Make sure that you address all parts of the assignment.

2. WHAT DOES IT LEAD TO?
In other words, why is your topic important? Try to think of three aspects of significant points within your topic to argue.

3. HOW CAN THIS ISSUE BE DEALT WITH?
What are the proposed solutions for your topic? Another way to look at this is, what do you want your readers to take from this?

REMEMBER...
Your thesis is the basic point or main idea of the whole essay. It is an assertion that you either argue or support. Always try to be as direct and clear as possible since this is the part of your paper that aligns your ideas.

WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?
• it helps you narrow down the more general topic and helps you find your own angle
• The thesis lets the readers know what to expect or look for in the essay
• A well-formed thesis helps you develop and cover all parts of an assignment and keeps you organized