



Tips for Writing Your Thesis Statement

- ✓ Determine what kind of paper you are writing:
 - **Analytical** - breaks down an issue or idea into parts, evaluates the issue or idea, and presents the breakdown and evaluation to the audience
 - **Expository** - explains something to the audience
 - **Argumentative** - makes a claim about a topic and justifies this claim with specific evidence. Claim can be an opinion, a policy proposal, an evaluation, a cause-and-effect statement, or an interpretation

- ✓ Your thesis statement should be specific - cover only what you will discuss in your paper and is supported by evidence

- ✓ The thesis statement usually appears at the end of the first paragraph

- ✓ Your topic may change as you write, so you may need to revise your thesis statement to reflect exactly what you have discussed in the paper