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How to Compose a Thesis Statement

Now that you have decided what information you plan to present in your research paper, you are ready to write your thesis statement.

The thesis statement tells the reader what the essay will be about, and what point you, the author, will be making. You know what the essay will be, so that’s your topic.

Now, you must look at your outline and decide what point you will be making. Also, What do the main ideas that you listed say about your topic?

Your thesis statement will have three parts. Together, they will form one declarative statement—your thesis statement.

Let’s look at some examples.

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| **The first part begins the sentences and states the topic.** | **The second part finishes the sentences and states the point of the essay.** | **The third part will state the three points you will speak to in the essay.** |
| Homeless people | Our society needs to increase their tolerance toward the homeless | Society needs to understand the definition and what leads to homelessness, what kinds of prejudice are expressed. |
| Homeless Americans | A major obstacle homeless Americans face is overcoming hate violence. | Violence targeted towards he homeless in the United States can be divided into three main classes; the causes of the attacks, the attacks themselves, and the effects of the attacks. |
| Autism | There are many misconceptions of autism. | Autism can be better understood when people understand that causes it, the actions of those who are autistic and the ways to interact productively in |
| Public Transportation | There are many positive benefits to using pubic transportation | Public transportation is beneficial to the environment, the economy and daily community |

**Once you have formulated a thesis statement that fits this patter and with which you are comfortable, you are ready to continue.**

Try out your thesis statement here:

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State your topic here.

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State the point of the essay here.

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State the three points to support your topic here.

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State your thesis here.