



HOW TO WRITE THE  
GREATEST THESIS  
STATEMENT EVER!!

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# URGH...A THESIS??

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- ❖ How many times have you been asked to write a thesis statement and have had no clue how to do so?
- ❖ No more worries...because together we're going to write the best thesis statement ever!!
- ❖ A thesis statement is your road map, your blueprint – it tells me where your essay is going and what you're going to say



# A THESIS IS...

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❖ Attitude:            how do you feel about your subject? Look at the issue or subject matter you are about to write an essay on and determine what your point of view is

- Positive (yes!)
- Negative (no!)



# A THESIS IS...

❖ **Argument:** After you've done some research, determine what you want to argue pursuant to your attitude. I like to think in terms of threes so come up with three arguments – an example might be:

- Smoking is bad (your attitude) and can hurt your health by destroying your breathing capability (argument 1), causing illness such as cancer (argument 2) and hurting others through second hand smoke (argument 3).

# ATTITUDE + ARGUMENT =

❖ Analysis: That's right once you've written a simple, clear, concise thesis you will be able to move into your analysis.

- An example might be to take our thesis statement from Slide 4 and now break it into paragraphs.
  - Paragraph 2 would look at the first argument
  - Paragraph 3 would look at the second argument
  - Paragraph 4 would look at the third argument

It's important to remember that paragraph 1 will be your intro and paragraph 5 your conclusion.