Thesis Statement Notes

What is it?

Thesis statements explicitly outline the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What does it do? It should point toward the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the reader can expect your argument to take.

Where does it go? Thesis goes at the end of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What does it contain? A thesis must contain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What it determines? The thesis must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the entire\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Every

paragraph exists in order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The thesis statement exists as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between you and your reader.

Example thesis: "Writer X explores the masking and unmasking of the self in three curious ways: A, B, and C.”

An Equation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_=\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_+\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics of a Thesis Statement

* Addresses the prompt clearly
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Presents an argument
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* In first paragraph of essay

Which statement makes an assertion? (put a check by the sentence that is a thesis)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ “One person I admire is Babe Ruth, who played baseball from 1914 until 1935.”

\_\_\_\_\_\_ “One person I admire is Babe Ruth, the greatest baseball player of all time.”

**The four “shoulds” of a thesis statement:**

1. **Should take a stand\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Should justify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **Should express one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
4. **Should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**