

Pre-Draft Assignment 1.2: Thesis Paragraph

Compose **two** possible thesis statements for your essay. Remember that the thesis statements must do three things:

1. Get to the heart of the text (that is, deal with an important and vital part of it);
2. Be limited enough in scope to be arguable within the length limits of your essay and supportable with available evidence (i.e. quotes, textual evidence); and
3. Be true (or at least be what you think is true!) but also *contestable*.

Remember also that a thesis statement should fit within one or two sentences.

Now, choose the thesis statement which seems to you to be the most promising, and write a thesis paragraph around it. Bring a copy of the thesis paragraph to class (typed, double-spaced, and printed out) as well as a copy of your other thesis statement (they can both be on the same sheet of paper).

Due: 9/11