

Core A Comp & Lit | Thesis Statement Assignment

For this assignment, you are going to write a total of three separate thesis statements on the following topics. Each thesis statement must be for a different type of essay, chosen from the following three options that were discussed in class:

1. Descriptive Essay – person or place you wish to describe (this will be your first essay!)
2. Persuasive Essay – Courage in difficult times, The importance of friendship, or The importance of family (in general, not your own)
3. Expository Essay – Courage in difficult times, The importance of friendship, or The importance of family (in general, not your own). Just make sure you don't use the same topic that you did for persuasive! 😊

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1. Persuasive Essay
2. Descriptive Essay
3. Expository Essay

So, for example, if you choose to write a persuasive thesis on the topic of family, you must write an expository thesis on either courage or friendship, and a descriptive thesis for the last topic.

Complete the following worksheets, one worksheet for each thesis statement, answering all the questions in complete sentences. Remember that thesis statements:

- Should be only 1 sentence
- Should give direction and focus to your topic, and include 3 prongs (details or points of discussion)
- Should be specific enough to narrow your topic, yet broad enough to be able to write 3 full paragraphs on it (we will be using these throughout the next few weeks!)
- Strong verbs and expressive language
- Thesis should be a complete sentence
- No “universals,” superlatives, or hyperbole
- No “be” verbs used
- No personal pronouns (I, me, my, you, yours, etc.)
- No contractions
- Proper grammar and punctuation

I have proofread my student's work and given the appropriate feedback for potential revisions.

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Date

Name: _____

Five Paragraph Essay Outline

Essay Topic: _____

Essay Type (Circle one): Persuasive, Descriptive, Expository (Informative)

Possible Essay Title: _____

Due Date: _____

Brainstorming

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2. What, if anything, do I need to research?

3. What types of evidence might I use?

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