

Thesis Statements (I)

Part A

Directions: Evaluate each of the following sentences to determine if it is a complete thesis statement. If it isn't, explain what it is missing.

1. Conserving natural resources is important.
2. Everybody should know that Columbus Day is a terrible holiday.
3. Brooklyn is the best borough in New York City.
4. This essay will analyze the theme of love in *Hunger Games*.
5. In her essay "Mother Tongue," Amy Tan explains that becoming a writer was difficult because English was not her first language, her teachers didn't think she could do it, and she got better grades in Math than in English.

Part B

Directions: For each essay question or prompt, create a strong thesis statement.

1. Is New York City safe?
2. Are professional athletes paid too much?
3. Should all New York State high school students be required to pass the English Regents Exam in order to graduate?
4. Explain the importance of technology in modern life.
5. Is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech still relevant today?

Thesis Statements (II)

Part A

Directions: Evaluate each of the following sentences to determine if it is a complete thesis statement. If it isn't, explain what it is missing.

1. Believing aliens exist is stupid.
2. I don't think that Donald Trump is qualified to be president.
3. Living by the rule "an eye for an eye" is not a good idea because it is unrealistic, vindictive, and potentially illegal.
4. *Modern Family* sets the standard for television comedies today because it has a diverse cast, it tackles real topics, and it manages to be funny without being offensive.
5. Judith Ortiz Cofer demonstrates how racism operated in 1963.

Part B

Directions: For each essay question or prompt, create a strong thesis statement.

1. Is the "American Dream" still a realistic goal today?
2. Should women get paid less than men for doing the same job?
3. Does violence on television and in video games have a negative effect on society?
4. Evaluate the impact of banning cell phones in public schools in New York City.
5. Discuss the importance of names and naming in Maya Angelou's story "My Name Is Margaret."