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Types of Thesis Statements

Argumentative Thesis

Expository

Thesis

The argumentative thesis is used to **assert** your position on a topic. A simple way to look at creating a thesis for an argumentative essay is to start by **stating your topic**, **stating your position** and your **reasons** for your position on the topic.

| Торіс | Position | Reasons |
|----------------|--|---|
| Global Warming | is a threat to the environment be- cause of | Carbon dioxide emissions, melting ice caps, and the rise of ocean levels. |

An expository thesis aims to explain a topic to the reader. When creating an expository thesis, **list your topic** and what **ideas** will be discussed in the paper.

| Торіс | | Main Ideas |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| The genre of rhythm and blues | is an important part of American culture due | to history and current popularity. |

Analytical Thesis

An analytical thesis works to evaluate an aspect of a topic. The thesis tells the reader what issue you are **analyzing**, what aspects of the **issue** you are analyzing and your **conclusions** about the analysis.

| What is analyzed? | Issue | Conclusion |
|---|--|------------------------|
| An analysis of current unemployment rates | suggest a disparity among demographics | due to race and class. |

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