

Thesis Statements for Essay 2: “How to ‘Book Club’

Instructions: Assess these thesis statements from our in-class sharing Monday. What makes each sentence arguable? Structured?

EXAMPLE (“I DO”): Being prepared is essential when starting a book club because it provides structure.

Let’s try this one together: After extensive research on articles that teach us how to create a book club, the ideas provided helped me understand that a book club needs to be well prepared to succeed. When we do a good job, we will see over time that we will learn to live more and more with books, even increase our speed and comprehension skills, and allow us to learn communication skills that can benefit us in our personal and professional lives.

In your groups for today, you’ll assess two thesis statements. Ask the questions we always ask of thesis statements: **Is it arguable? Is it structured?**

- Room 1, look at statements 1 and 6
- Room 2, look at statements 2 and 7
- Room 3, look at statements 3 and 8
- Room 4, look at statements 4 and 9
- Room 5, look at statements 5 and 10

1. Listening allows others to know that you are paying close attention which further strengthens the group.
2. To have a successful book club you need to listen to others in order to understand and connect with them
3. Having fun means giving everyone chance, respect, motivation which will make a book group more fun and entertaining
4. The key to having fun in a book club is for everyone to be engaged so that nobody feels left out.
5. My main idea is to be prepared because I feel like preparation is important in book clubs, since it will keep the book club active.
6. Having fun in book clubs is important because it helps keep it engaging and active
7. Having fun should be one of the main purposes of a book club, and there are multiple ways you can keep your group engaged and lively.
8. Learning how to have fun is an important way to enhance your book club experience
9. There’s many different ways to show you’re listening when someone is speaking
10. There are different outcomes when it comes to having fun in book clubs.

WRAP: Being able to interact with oneself, others, and the readings allows a book club to prosper.