

Thesis and Claims Creation

Your Thesis: Should identify your program and its main goals (what problem it is seeking to solve).

1 - "This paper will show that..."	
2 - Remove those stage directions ("This paper will show that")	
3 - Pump up the power Make your thesis specific, strong, and engaging	

Claim 1: Should be a focused response to the question: "What is the problem?"

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Claim 2: Should be a focused response to the question: "Why is this a problem?"

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Claim 3: (focus related to claim 1 or 2)

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Thesis and Claims Creation: Examples

Thesis:

1 - "This paper will show that..."	<i>This paper will show that responsibility is an important theme in The Lion King.</i>
2 - Remove those stage directions ("This paper will show that")	<i>Responsibility is an important theme in The Lion King.</i>
3 - Pump up the power Make your thesis specific, strong, and engaging	<i>Responsibility is an important theme in The Lion King which lies at the heart of what it means to be a good and just leader.</i>

Claim 1:

1 - "This paragraph will show that..."	<i>This paragraph will show that Mufasa was a good leader and father because he accepted his responsibilities in these roles.</i>
2 - Remove those stage directions ("This paragraph will show that")	<i>Mufasa was a good leader and father because he accepted his responsibilities in these roles.</i>
3 - Pump up the power Make your claim specific, strong, and engaging	<i>Mufasa excelled as a leader and father because he viewed responsibility for his kingdom and his son as his highest purpose.</i>

Claim 2:

1 - "This paragraph will show that..."	This paragraph will show that Scar was a terrible leader because he did not see himself as responsible for others.
2 - Remove those stage directions ("This paragraph will show that")	Scar was a terrible leader because he did not see himself as responsible for others.
3 - Pump up the power Make your claim specific, strong, and engaging	Scar was a self-centered character with concern only for his own needs and those who kept him in power. His lack of responsibility for others made him a terrible leader.

Claim 3:

1 - "This paragraph will show that..."	<i>This paragraph will show that Simba became a good leader by assuming his responsibility to those he left behind.</i>
2 - Remove those stage directions ("This paragraph will show that")	<i>Simba became a good leader by assuming his responsibility to those he left behind.</i>
3 - Pump up the power Make your claim specific, strong, and engaging	<i>Simba became a good leader by assuming the challenges of responsibility even though that meant he had to sacrifice his comfortable life and put himself in serious jeopardy.</i>