

### What do You Know about Thesis Statement?

**1. What is a thesis statement? Select the appropriate letter(s) from answer choices below.**

- 1) Thesis statement is...
- 2) Thesis statement is NOT...

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| <b>a.</b> An answer to the question your paper explores                      | <b>b.</b> An observation or a fact | <b>c.</b> An assertion in a debate  |
| <b>d.</b> An idea that controls the boundary of other contents of your paper | <b>e.</b> An announcement          | <b>f.</b> A resolution of a problem |

**2. What is the role or purpose of thesis statement for you (as a writer) and your audience?**

- 1) For you (as a writer):
- 2) For your audience:

**3. What does it include?**

- 1) Your main \_\_\_\_\_ on a topic
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ of how you will substantiate/support your \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Can you think of any other characteristics of thesis statement?**

**\* 3 Criteria of an Effective Thesis Statement:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_: It is of sufficient scope for the assignment (can be developed into a full paper), not too \_\_\_\_\_ but not too \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_: It points both the writer and the reader in a definite direction (not too vague or broad). It often blueprints the shape of the paper.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_: It takes a stance on an issue (instead of describing a mere observation or purpose of the paper)
5. **Application:** Write a thesis statement that answers the question below following the 3 criteria above: "Should professors have international (non-native speaker) students work with American (native speaker) students on a (graded) group writing assignment? Why or why not?"