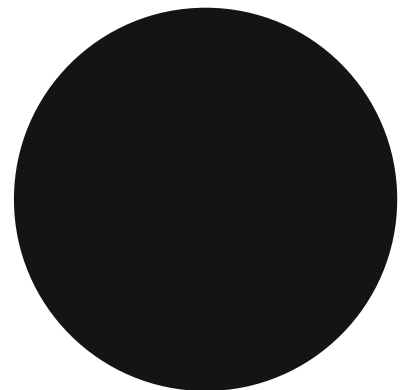


Writing a Thesis Statement

utsdesignindex.com

A thesis statement summarises the main idea or argument of your thesis. Here is an introduction to help you get started.



Writing a Thesis Statement

What is it?

A thesis statement is a sentence that articulates the main argument or hypothesis of your thesis. It is a succinct communication of the overall position that you will occupy and argue throughout your piece of writing.

Where do you use it?

A thesis statement first appears in the introduction of a text. The sentiment of the thesis statement is often reiterated throughout the body of the text and restated in the conclusion to create a consistent line of argument.

What do you need?

To write a thesis statement, you must be able to concisely articulate your argument. To do this, you must have conducted enough research, critical thinking, exegeses, and visual analyses to reach a clear understanding of your overall argument. For this reason, the thesis statement is sometimes inserted after completing the majority of your research, during the redrafting and editing process.

References

- Australian National University Academic Skills & Learning Centre 2014, *Writing an introduction*, ANU, Canberra, viewed 28 July 2016,
- Barrett, E, & Bolt, B (eds) 2010, *Practice as Research: Approaches to Creative Arts Enquiry (1)*, I.B.Tauris, London, Available from: ProQuest ebrary. 27 July 2016.
- Wells, J. M. 2016, *Developing a Thesis, The Writing Lab*, OWL at Purdue, & Purdue University, West Lafayette, viewed 28 July 2016, <owl.english.purdue.edu/engagement/2/2/56/>