

6 Steps to a Thesis Statement

1. Name your focus topic

EXAMPLE: *The Beverly Hill's Diet*

2. Ask a question (make sure it's not obvious!) about your focused topic

EXAMPLE: *Is the Beverly Hill's Diet advisable for the typical college student?*

3. Revise the question into a declarative statement:

EXAMPLE: *The Beverly Hills Diet is inadvisable for the typical college student.*

4. Add a group of words summarizing your key ideas

EXAMPLE: *Because it is inconvenient, unhealthy, and provides only temporary weight loss.*

5. Recognize the opposition

EXAMPLE: *Although it does provide quick weight loss.*

6. Call upon editing to put it all together

EXAMPLE: *Although it does provide quick weight loss, the Beverly Hills Diet is inadvisable for the typical college student because it is inconvenient, unhealthy, and provides only temporary weight loss.*

Intro paragraph

Sentence 1: hook

Sentence 2-4: Explain the **entire** quote or argument presented
(there might be 2 sides, 2 quotes, so pay close attention!)

Final sentence: Thesis, which shows the extent of your (dis)agreement
(follow the 6-step process!)