THESIS STATEMENT

1. DEFINITION

THESIS—idea/ POV (Point of view)/ theory/ opinion (not fact)

Thesis statement = a statement of… thesis statement (t.s.) is:

- A one sentence, with the writer’s POV appearing in the introduction
- A statement, not a question/ opinion/ not fact
- A clear, concise, unified statement to inform, convince the hostile, skeptical audience
- Supportable/ supported by the writer
- AVOIDS/ OMITS 1ST/ SND PERSON POV

2. STRUCTURE

One sentence with THREE basic components:

1. basic POV ↔ this is so
2. why? ↔ because
3. so what? ↔ with this result significance

PART 1: states basic pov/ complete sentence/ opinion
PART 2: answers question “why?” (in reference to pt. 1)

- usually NOT a complete sentence
- does not need actual word “because” but it is always implied since it should answer the question “why”
- should blend with pt. 1 to form a logical statement

PART 3: usually not a complete thought

- answers question “so what>” (rel. to pt. 2)
- SHOWS RELATIONSHIP between pt1 & pt. 2