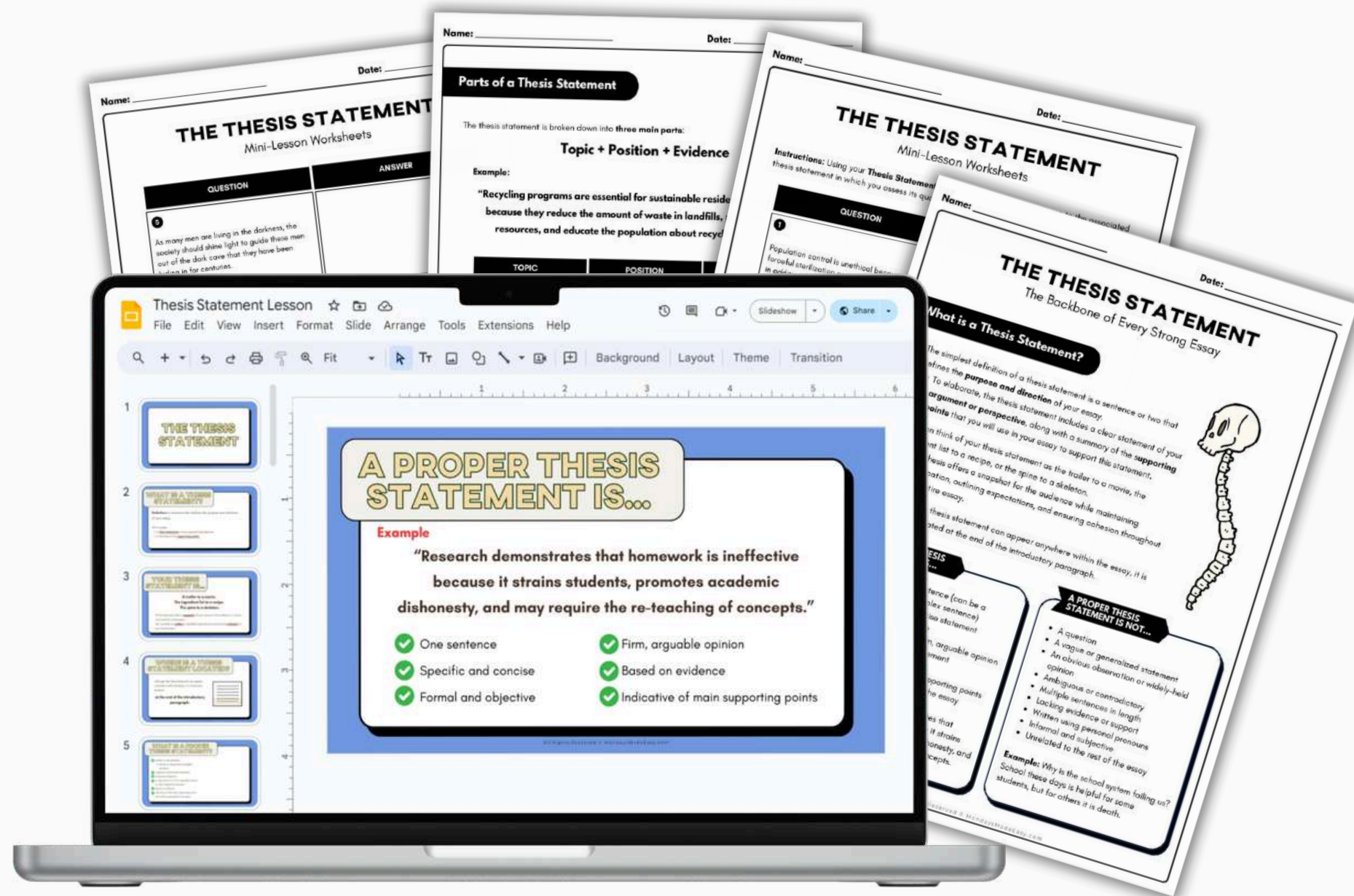


Explore Guidelines for Writing a Strong Thesis Statement

This lesson will guide students through real student examples of thesis statements and explore formulas for writing a strong thesis statement.



- Guide students to **identify, analyze,** and **create** strong thesis statements with **structured templates**
- Analyze **real student examples** to recognize and identify strong thesis statements
- Provide a **bookmark-style checklist** to promote self-assessment and use as an **anchor chart** for future reference

Includes thesis statement informational handbook!

PURCHASE HERE


See what others are saying...

Here's what teachers like you are loving about this **Thesis Statement Lesson!**

 **Extremely Satisfied**

I really liked how this was organized! The PPT was engaging and simple enough for students to copy. The handout was also helpful, but I wish it had different examples. I loved the checklist—I printed it out and laminated it for my kiddos.

– Kelsey K.

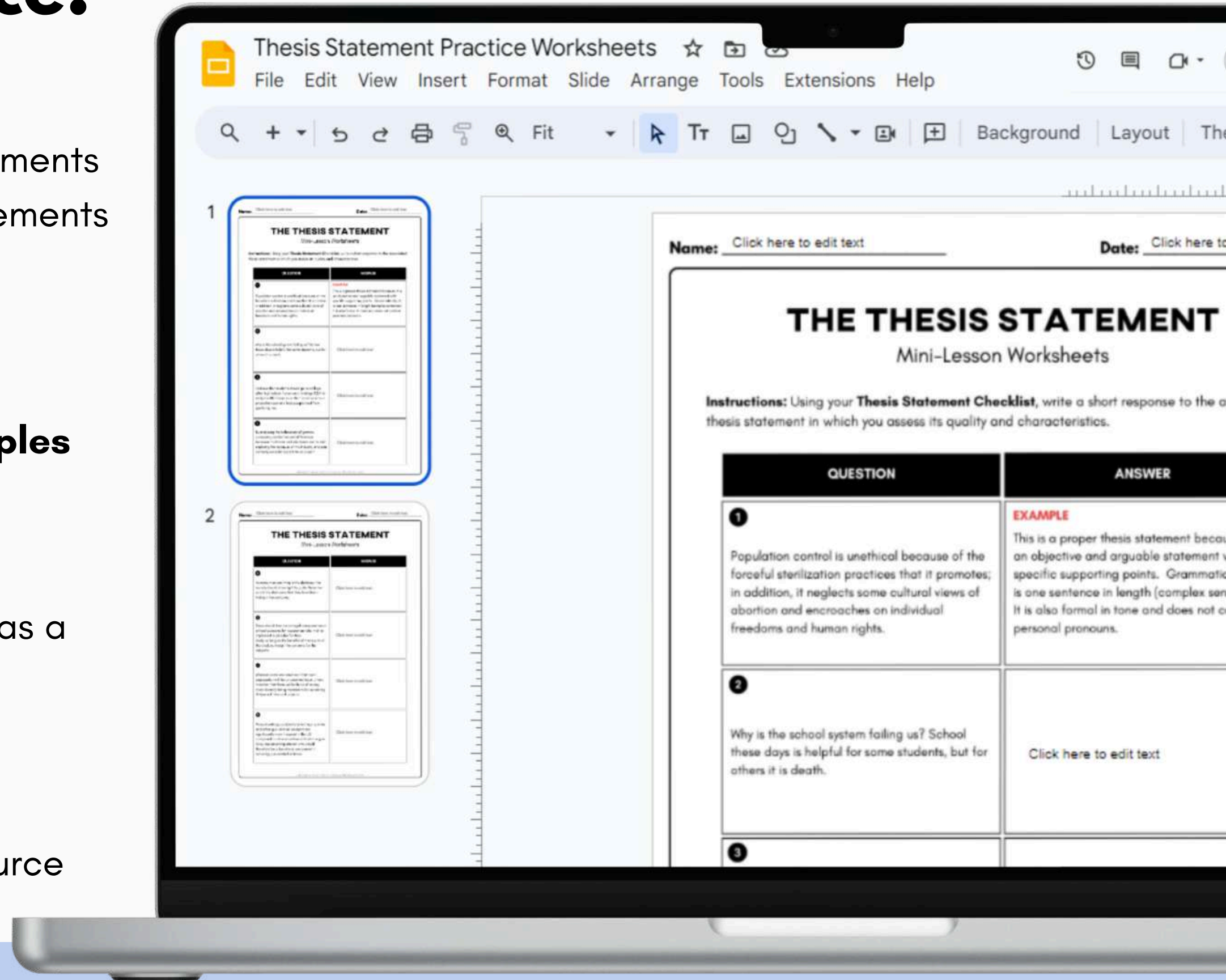
 **Clear and Helpful Thesis Statement Lesson**

This was a great resource for teaching thesis statements! The slideshow, examples, and worksheets helped break the concept down in a way my students could actually understand. I especially liked how students analyzed strong and weak examples before writing their own.

– Ms. Crandell

Included with this resource:

- ✓ Thesis Statement **Slideshow Lesson**
 - Defines **proper** and **improper** thesis statements
 - Includes **3 formulas** for writing thesis statements
- ✓ Thesis Statement **Informational Handbook**
- ✓ Thesis Statement **Examples Worksheet**
 - Students will evaluate **real student examples** of thesis statements
- ✓ Thesis Statement **Bookmark Anchor Chart**
 - This bookmark-style checklist can be used as a **self-assessment tool** for writing
- ✓ Detailed **Answer Key**
- ✓ **Teacher Instructions** for how to use this resource



Includes Digital Version for Google Drive®!

Explore an Interactive Slideshow Lesson

This slideshow defines the thesis statement and provides guidelines for **what should and should not be included** in a proper thesis statement

Evaluate the Thesis Statement:

QUESTION

"By analyzing the behaviors of gamers, comparing similarities and differences between traditional and electronic sports, and exploring the revenues of the industry, one can certainly consider esports to be a sport."

ANSWER



EXAMPLE

Topic + **Position** + **Evidence**

Recycling programs are essential for sustainable residential communities

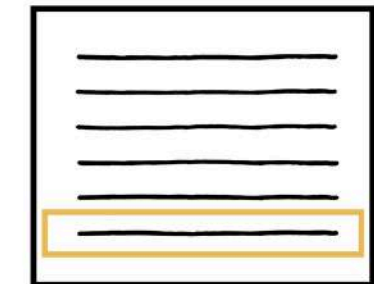
- reduce the amount of waste in landfills
- preserve natural resources
- educate the population about recycling practices

Recycling programs are essential for sustainable residential communities because they reduce the amount of waste in landfills, preserve natural resources, and educate the population about recycling practices.

WHERE IS A THESIS STATEMENT LOCATED?

Although the thesis statement can appear anywhere within the essay, it is commonly located...

at the end of the introductory paragraph.



A PROPER THESIS STATEMENT IS...

Example

"Research demonstrates that homework is ineffective because it strains students, promotes academic dishonesty, and may require the re-teaching of concepts."

- ✓ One sentence
- ✓ Specific and concise
- ✓ Formal and objective
- ✓ Firm, arguable opinion
- ✓ Based on evidence
- ✓ Indicative of main supporting points

YOUR THESIS STATEMENT IS...

**A trailer to a movie.
The ingredient list to a recipe.
The spine to a skeleton.**

- The thesis provides a **snapshot** of your essay for the audience to create and maintain anticipation.
- It provides an **outline** to establish expectations and create **cohesion** for your entire essay.

Includes Thesis Statement Informational Handbook!

This handbook provides a detailed definition of a thesis statement. It also differentiates between proper and improper thesis statements using a **comparative graphic organizer**.

Students can refer to **this informational handbook** while they write their essays!


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THE THESIS STATEMENT

The Backbone of Every Strong Essay

What is a Thesis Statement?

- The simplest definition of a thesis statement is a sentence or two that defines the **purpose and direction** of your essay.
 - To elaborate, the thesis statement includes a clear statement of your **argument or perspective**, along with a summary of the **supporting points** that you will use in your essay to support this statement.
- You can think of your thesis statement as the trailer to a movie, the ingredient list to a recipe, or the spine to a skeleton.
 - The thesis offers a snapshot for the audience while maintaining anticipation, outlining expectations, and ensuring cohesion throughout your entire essay.
- Although the thesis statement can appear anywhere within the essay, it is commonly located at the end of the introductory paragraph.



A PROPER THESIS STATEMENT IS...

- Written in one sentence (can be a compound or complex sentence)
- A specific and concise statement
- Formal and objective
- An expression of a firm, arguable opinion or clear, insightful statement
- Based on evidence
- Indicative of the main supporting points that will be presented in the essay

Example: Research demonstrates that homework is ineffective because it strains students, promotes academic dishonesty, and may require the re-teaching of concepts.

A PROPER THESIS STATEMENT IS NOT...

- A question
- A vague or generalized statement
- An obvious observation or widely-held opinion
- Ambiguous or contradictory
- Multiple sentences in length
- Lacking evidence or support
- Written using personal pronouns
- Informal and subjective
- Unrelated to the rest of the essay

Example: Why is the school system for School these days is helpful for some students, but for others it is death.

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Parts of a Thesis Statement

The thesis statement is broken down into **three main parts**:

Topic + Position + Evidence

Example:
"Recycling programs are essential for sustainable residential communities because they reduce the amount of waste in landfills, preserve natural resources, and educate the population about recycling practices".

TOPIC	POSITION	EVIDENCE
Recycling programs	are essential for sustainable residential communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">reduce the amount of waste in landfillspreserve natural resourceseducate the population about recycling practices

These three main parts can be **arranged in your thesis statement** to strengthen composition and improve sentence structure.

Example:

EVIDENCE + TOPIC + POSITION

Due to the reduction of waste in landfills, the preservation of natural resources, and the population's education on recycling practices, recycling programs are essential for sustainable residential communities.

TOPIC + EVIDENCE + POSITION

Recycling programs reduce the amount of waste in landfills, preserve natural resources, and educate the population about recycling practices; they are therefore essential for sustainable residential communities.

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Practice Activity with Thesis Statement Bookmark

Compare **examples of thesis statements** and **evaluate their characteristics** using the personal anchor chart provided.

Thesis Statement Checklist

- Is it one sentence in length? (can be a compound or complex sentence)
- Is it a specific and concise statement?
- Is it formal and objective?
- Is it an expression of a firm, arguable opinion or clear, insightful statement?
- Is it based on evidence?
- Is it indicative supporting points be presented?

Thesis Statement Checklist

- Is it a question?
- Is it a vague or generalized statement?
- Is it a widely-held opinion?
- Is it ambiguous or contradictory?
- Is it more than one sentence in length?
- Is it lacking evidence or support?
- Is it written subjectively, informal or through the use of personal pronouns?
- Is it unrelated to the rest of the essay?

THE THESIS STATEMENT
Mini-Lesson Worksheets

Name: _____ Date: _____

Using your **Thesis Statement Checklist**, write a short response to the associated question which you assess its quality and characteristics.

QUESTION	ANSWER
Control is unethical because of the privatization practices that it promotes; it neglects some cultural views of medicine and encroaches on individual liberties and human rights.	EXAMPLE This is a proper thesis statement because it is an objective and arguable statement with specific supporting points. Grammatically, it is one sentence in length (complex sentence). It is also formal in tone and does not contain personal pronouns.
Why is the school system failing us? School systems is helpful for some students, but for others it is death.	
Do you believe that students should go to college after high school. I plan on attending UCLA to study Health Sciences so that I can become a physical therapist and help people heal from sports injuries.	
4. By analyzing the behaviours of gamers, comparing similarities and differences between traditional and electronic sports and exploring the revenues of the industry, one can certainly consider esports to be a sport.	

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QUESTION	ANSWER
5. As many men are living in the darkness, the society should shine light to guide these men out of the dark cave that they have been hiding in for centuries.	
6. There should then be no legal consequences or ethical concerns for researchers who wish to implement a placebo for their study, so long as the benefits of the results of the study outweigh the concerns for the subjects.	
7. Whereas some are convinced that racial segregation will be an unsolved issue, others maintain that there will be hope of seeing more diversity being represented in upcoming Hollywood films and projects.	
8. Mass shootings, accidental shootings, suicide, and other gun-related incidents are significantly more frequent in the US compared to other countries with stricter gun laws; implementing stricter laws would therefore be a beneficial component in reducing gun-related violence.	

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