

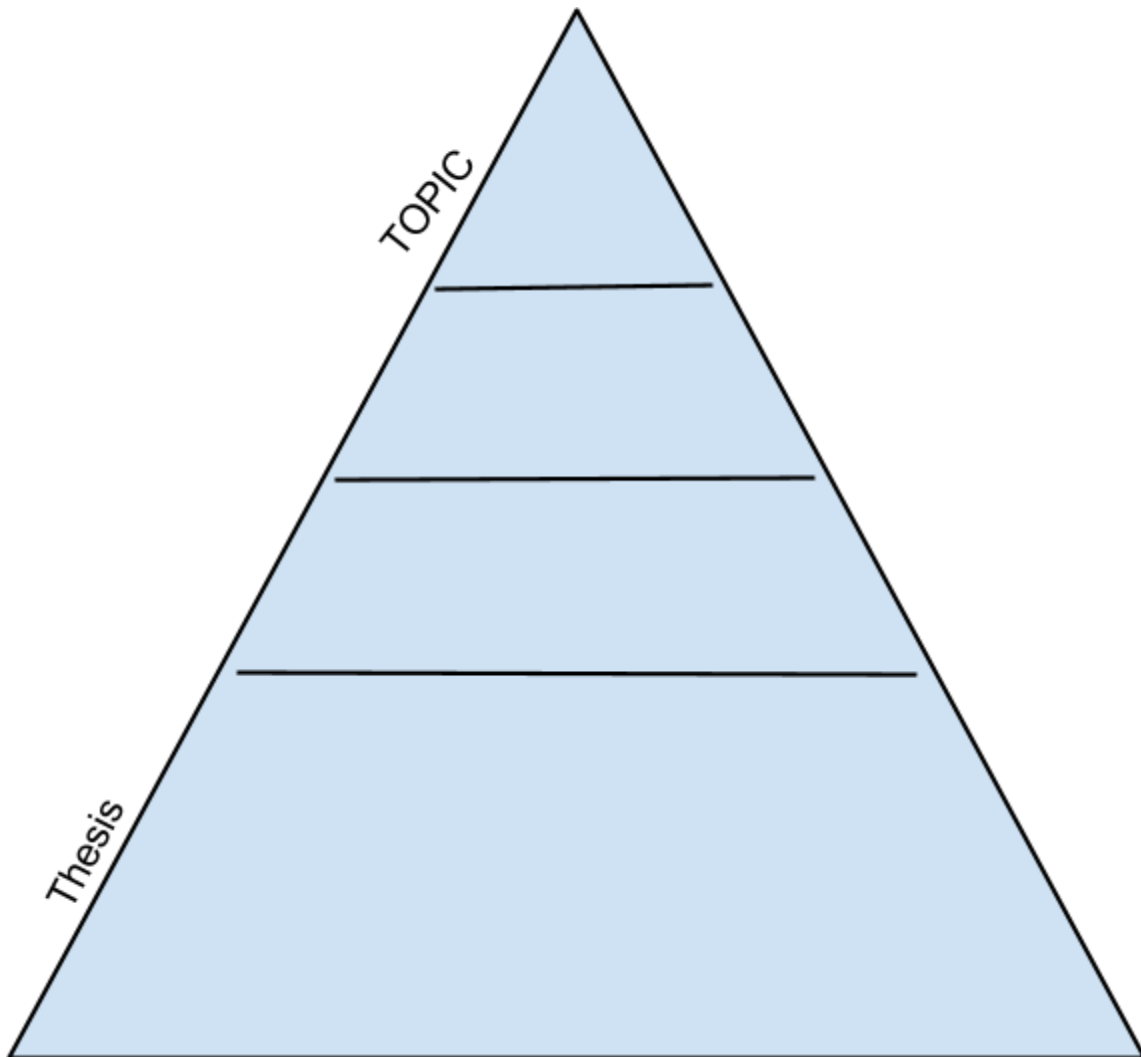
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Writing Great Thesis Statements

A great thesis statement will often include the following attributes:

- uses specific words
- express one main idea
- assert conclusions about a subject
- a great thesis statement may also *take a stand* or explain a lesson or moral.



Thesis Statement **VERBS** that analyze...

Good

includes	attempts	shows
informs	tells	creates
describes	explains	demonstrates
suggests	means	proves

Better

illustrates	analyzes	portrays
implies	depicts	uncovers
conveys	expresses	contributes
reveals	provides	clarifies
guides	displays	reflects

Challenge Verbs

accentuates	exemplifies	bestows
epitomizes	renders	juxtaposes
foreshadows	attributes	verifies
infers	enlightens	entertains
elucidates	illuminates	connotes

Practice Documents for ANALYSIS:

Sports for many women in the past was limited. They were not able to participated in organized teams or compete against opposing schools. In time the woman gained more rights.

The television sits on a pedestal and waits to be worshipped. As we gather around it, the sights and sounds emit a new world of information.