

Essay writing

How do we build an essay so that it is clear and persuasive?

What is a thesis statement?

It is the point you are trying to prove in your writing.

It must always be an OPINION, not a fact that everyone agrees on.

Thesis or Not?

- The Patriots have won the Super Bowl before.
- Taylor Swift is the best singer ever.
- Wellesley Middle Students are caring.
- There are more than 500 students at Wellesley Middle School.

What do thesis statements look like?

Opinion + Linking Word + Claims (reasons).

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Pizza is the best food on the planet because it comes in many varieties, is affordable, and may be good for you.

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Opinion statement (with a linking verb)

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The two hardest parts of
teacher's jobs are grading
papers and cafeteria duty.

Where does the thesis sentence
appear in your essay?

It is the last sentence of the
introduction paragraph
(more on this later)