

Three Templates for Theses Statements

THESIS:

1. Must answer the question.
2. Must take a stand. Cannot merely restate the prompt.
3. Must address the task, time and place of the prompt.
4. In most cases, should be in the 1st paragraph.

Document-Based Question (DBQ) Essay:

Parameters of the prompt:

1. Place.
2. Time period.
3. Groups, cultures or regions involved.
4. Task (verb)
5. How or why to what extent (value added)

Change and Continuity Over Time Essay:

While “X” changed little during (time, and place), (reason why) led to changes in “Y”

“X” and “Y” factors or either AP themes or concepts from syllabus.

Comparative Essay:

While “X” factors were similar in (country, region, group) during the (time period), there were differences in “Y” factors.

“X” and “Y” factors or either AP themes or concepts from syllabus.