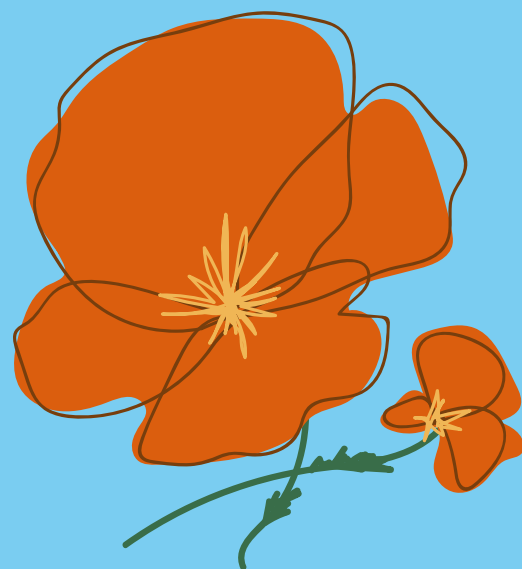



# THESIS STATEMENTS

## WHAT IS A THESIS?

A thesis statement is a sentence or two that captures the main idea or message in your paper. A thesis acts as a mini summary of your paper, explaining your position and what evidence you are offering to support that position.



## PARTS OF A THESIS

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- Focused, not broad
    - ex. Seattleites love coffee.
  - Debatable (an opinion, not a fact)
    - ex. Starbucks has the best coffee.
  - Chooses a stance/side
    - similar to debatable
  - Makes a claim (the thesis)
    - ex. Starbucks has the best coffee because they have so many drink options and different flavor roasts.

## WORKING THESIS

Having trouble deciding what your thesis will be? Start with a working thesis. This is structured like a normal thesis statement but is more flexible and broad. This gives it flexibility, so it can change depending on the direction your paper takes. In the meantime, it acts as a guide for your writing.



## EXAMPLES OF THESE



I like coffee because of the flavor.



Single-origin blonde roast coffee is superior to other coffees because it has a higher level of caffeine than traditional roasts and has a smoother flavor.

