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# Thesis Statements

A thesis statement is a guide to your paper. It tells the subject matter, your argument, and what the rest of your paper is going to be about. It is always located at the *end* of the first (introduction) paragraph.

Here is the format to use when creating a thesis statements for a literary analysis essay:

**In *\*book title\**, \*author\* uses \*literary element\* to \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.**

examples:

In *Animal Farm*, George Orwell uses style to describe the characters, keep the reader interested, and create vivid pictures in the reader's mind.

In *Speak*, Laurie Halse Anderson uses content to address the topic of speaking one's mind, as well as to show theme and point of view.

In *Romeo & Juliet*, William Shakespeare uses plot to display the main events of the story, display conflict, and show which characters have problems with others.

Now it's your turn! Brainstorm your own thesis statement below: