

HOW TO WRITE A

thesis statement

& DO IT WELL!

WHAT IS IT and WHAT'S IT DO?

- 1 **One** single sentence located at the end of your intro ¶
- 2 Tells your **opinion** on the topic (what you're trying to **prove**)
- 3 Directs reader to your main pieces of **evidence**

BAD EXAMPLES

1. **The Announcement:**
"In this paper I will..."
2. **The Obvious:**
"Exercise is good for you."
3. **The Cliché:**
"Love conquers all."
4. **The Question:**
"Is teamwork a good thing?"

HOW DO I WRITE ONE? TRY THE FORMULA!

By examining _____, _____, and _____,

reason #1 reason #2
(must be **STRONG!**) (optional)

_____, it is clear that _____.

reason #3 opinion
(optional)

Example:

By examining the lack of individuality,

reason #1
(must be **STRONG!**)

cost, and upkeep, it's clear that we

reason #2 reason #3

should not have school uniforms.

opinion