



Thesis Statement Review

Thesis Statements for Problem-Solution Essay



- A thesis statement for problem-solution essays consists of 2 parts: topic and then the blueprint
- It includes a very specific statement about the topic (an arguable claim about the topic)
- It should appear at the end of 1st paragraph
- Ideally, it should be one sentence.
 - This can be a long sentence, such as a **compound-complex** one; it should not be a run on.
- Is your current thesis statement effective?



Thesis Statement Examples

- Examples: Look at the examples provided and identify if this would be an appropriate problem-solution thesis or not. If it isn't, tell what is wrong with it.
 - "Internet piracy is a big problem for many companies."
 - Why is this thesis statement ineffective?
 - "Smoking should be banned because it is bad for your health, it costs too much and it affects those who do not smoke."
 - Why is this thesis statement effective?
 - "The melting ice caps pose a real and present danger to our world and, if left unchecked, will cause world-wide disasters in the future. Scientists have researched two viable ways to slow the disintegration of the ice caps."
 - Thoughts?
 - "Many children suffer long-term consequences of bullying; the problem can be remedied through a three-pronged approach: educating the parents, encouraging a community atmosphere, and implementing a peer mediation program."
 - What about this one?



Model Thesis Statements for Problem/Solution Essays

- Below, you will find several thesis statement models for Problem/Solution Essays.
 - There are several (use a number or words like many, a few, some, etc.) ways to solve the problem of _____: _____, _____, and _____.
 - "There are **three** ways to solve the garbage problem in Riverside: education, improvement of recycling program, and enforcement of regulations."
 - There are several (use an adjective to describe the solutions - inexpensive, possible, etc.) solutions to _____.
 - "There are three **effective** ways to solve the garbage problem in Riverside."
 - The problem of _____ can be solved by _____, _____, _____ (mention each of the possible solutions).
 - "The problem of garbage in Riverside can be solved by educating people, recycling, and enforcing regulations."