The kind of thesis that your paper will have depends on the purpose of your writing. A thesis statement usually consists of parts: your topic and then the analysis, explanation, or assertion that you are making about the topic.

In an expository paper, you are explaining something to your audience. Your thesis statement should contain:

The subject or topic you will explain The purpose or goal of your explanation

Abraham Lincoln s stance on slavery evolved throughout his presidency.

In an argumentative essay, you are making a daim and supporting this claim with evidence. The daim may be a position, a proposal, an evaluation, a cause/effect analysis, or an interpretation. The key to argumentation is that you advance a controversial issue. Your thesis statement should contain:

The issue your essay addresses Your daim or assertion about that issue

Both parents should share equally in the responsibilities of raising their children.

In an analytical essay, you are breaking down an issue into its parts, evaluating the issue, and presenting this breakdown and evaluation to your audience. Your thesis statement should contain:

The object or subject being analyzed An evaluation of the object or subject being analyzed

An analysis of Steve Sack