

A strong thesis makes a claim that is arguable, taking a position that can be substantiated by facts, data, and/ or quotes from the text. It is not solely a personal opinion or observation.

Sample thesis statements:

In *Hamlet*, ears are at once a source of potential vulnerability and power; ears serve as the site at which battles are fought among characters, literally through Claudius' murder of King Hamlet by pouring poison in his ear, and figuratively through the effects hearing has on the characters.

The Women's Movement in the late 1800s paved the way for the movement's later successes by having early forms of the suffrage amendment brought before Congress, by getting women the right to vote in several western states, and by getting women elected in those states.