

Sample Thesis Statements for an Argument

Topic or Prompt	Dependent (Subordinate) Clause (Setup for the Argument)	Independent Clause (Argument)
Steroid use Should athletes be allowed to use performance-enhancing drugs?	Since athletes are sensitized to maximizing their performance,	it should be legal for them to take steroids under legalized and carefully monitored conditions.
Euthanasia Do gravely ill people have the right to end their lives?	In the event that someone suffers from an incurable and excruciating disease,	a patient should have the right to end his or her life.
Global warming Are humans responsible for global climate change?	After reviewing scientific data that global warming impacts the Earth and causes erratic weather conditions,	the government should enact legislation that forces people to change their habits to prevent the condition from worsening.
Year-round schooling Is year-round schooling an effective model for boosting student achievement?	Since adopting a year-round approach can improve student achievement,	districts should reorganize their calendars to implement a more balanced schooling structure.
American Revolution Where do you stand on the fight for independence?	So that they could obtain independence and practice self-rule,	the colonists deserved freedom from England's harsh governance.
Community service Should students be required to satisfy community service hours?	So that our youth learn the value of giving back and appreciating the needs of others,	students should be required to volunteer and perform community service.
Romeo and Juliet movie versions Does Zeffirelli or Luhrmann impact audiences more effectively?	Although Zeffirelli follows more closely to the <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> plotline,	Luhrmann's version captivates audiences more effectively by modernizing Shakespeare's play.
Adolescents and sleep Should adolescents start school later?	Since sleep deprivation can impair memory and inhibit creativity which impacts learning,	adolescents should have a later school start time to increase achievement and productivity.