Op-Ed Thesis Critique

# Potential Thesis Statements

Write three potential thesis statements here:

1.

2.

3.

**STOP HERE - Trade papers with someone sitting more than a seat away from you. (Not your neighbor).**

# Interest

Which of the three statements above is most interesting and engaging to you? Why? (2-3 sentences)

# Thesis Criteria

For the statement you chose as most interesting, check off all the criteria that it meets:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Is this thesis statement something people could argue/debate? (i.e., not a statement of fact)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Does this thesis statement immediately catch the reader’s attention?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Is this thesis statement clear and concise (not overly wordy or complicated)?

**Put a STAR next to the criteria above that needs the most work. In the space below, rewrite their thesis so it fits the criteria better.**

# Paragraph Prediction

Based on the thesis, make 3 predictions about paragraph topics you would expect to see in this essay.

Prediction 1:

Prediction 2:

Prediction 3:

# Types of Evidence

For the thesis you have been working with, which types of evidence would you expect to see used in this article for the author to effectively prove their point? **Check all that apply.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Firsthand stories/accounts \_\_\_\_\_ Government documents (laws, memos, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic studies and analysis \_\_\_\_\_ Statistics or other numerical figures

\_\_\_\_\_ Historical documents \_\_\_\_\_ Videos of events

\_\_\_\_\_ Interviews \_\_\_\_\_ Speeches/writings of government leaders

\_\_\_\_\_ News articles \_\_\_\_\_ Organization rules/publications

\_\_\_\_\_ Court documents (testimony, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ UN Documents/Resolutions

\_\_\_\_\_ Other? Explain:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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