**Throwback Thursday : Thesis: how and where to find them GUIDED NOTES**

A thesis is **NOT:**

Always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a text

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of a paper

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a paper

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of an introduction

AND….

It doesn’t start with “Today I will be talking about…”

SO, what is a thesis anyways?

A thesis is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

And now an analogy:

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Without the spine your body could not stand,

Without the thesis, your paper cannot be complete.

A thesis or claim is:

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of an essay

Defines your paper’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A good claim is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Some helpful facts about a thesis:

A thesis is also known as a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**or an **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: CLAIM AND THESIS ARE THE EXACT SAME THING!**

Every part of your paper must connect back to the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If it doesn’t, it must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to connect back to your thesis.

A **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is NOT the same as a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

The **thesis** is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of what your paper is about WHEREAS…

The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is a sentence or two that is telling what your **thesis is**

In other words, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that runs throughout the entire paper or piece of literature; the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is one spot that puts the thesis into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A **thesis** is or can be:

Expressed as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (The sky is blue) <**NOTE: IT IS NOT A QUESTION!>**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:** Something you have to give reasons for (**textual evidence and support)** because it is worth proving!

Identifying a thesis statement

1.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about the thesis

What is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the paper is touching upon

There might be a lot of things the paper is arguing, but there should be one that is scattered throughout the entire paper

2.) Find the sentence or two that puts this thesis into the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Look for the one or two sentences that is the most descriptive and specific about the thesis

**THE SENETENCE OR SENTENCES THAT ARE THE MOST \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT THE THESIS (ARGUMENT/POINT) OF THE PAPER IS YOUR THESIS STATEMENT.**

**THE REST OF THE PAPER IS JUST \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FOR THIS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**