



Thesis Development Worksheet

A SMART thesis statement has the following six attributes:

Alludes to structure: prepares the reader for the type and order of evidence you will discuss

Specific: expresses one main idea with specific language

Manageable: deals with a subject that can be adequately treated given the nature and length of the assignment

Arguable: focuses on a subject about which reasonable people could disagree

Relevant: gets to the heart of the text or topic and is non-obvious

Takes a stand: asserts your argument about a subject, and gives an idea of why the reader should care

An ineffective thesis statement:

In his book, *There There*, Tommy Orange uses several characters' points of view to tell his story.

A SMART thesis statement:

In his book, *There There*, Tommy Orange uses multiple points of view, a specific, urban setting, and passages of research and reflection to tell a story that is simultaneously individual and collective -- much like the contemporary Indigenous experience.

Helpful links for writing a thesis:

[Developing Strong Thesis Statements](#)

[How to Write a Thesis Statement](#)