



Writing Workshop

Different subjects require different styles of thesis writing.

DISCLAIMER!

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By the end of the class you will:

1. Know what a thesis essay is and how to write one
2. Be able to write a simple and effective introduction paragraph
3. Understand the difference between content and analysis
4. Write a practice thesis introduction and body paragraph

What is a thesis and what is a thesis essay?

QUESTION.

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What is a thesis statement?

The main idea and central argument of your paper.

Tips

1. Be concise.
2. Make your thesis clear and coherent.

Is your thesis, content, or analysis worthy?

Ask yourself, “**so what?**”.

If you can answer that with a justified position, then your thesis is on the right track.

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Breaking Down the Introduction Paragraph

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Example of an Introduction:

Prompt: Describe how ideas of the Renaissance influenced events of the late 15th and early 16th centuries.

1. The rebirth of ideas from Classical Greece and Rome during the Italian Renaissance inspired various individuals in the 1400s and 1500s.
2. Greek ideals, such as emphasis on the individual, allowed Renaissance men and women to achieve great feats.
3. Others would influence Portuguese and Spanish explorers to take to the seas in hopes of finding fame and wealth.
4. However, certain technologies, such as the Printing Press, created religious tension in Europe due to the number of bibles now available to the public.
5. Although the Renaissance allowed for great artists, explorers, and scholars to improve fifteenth and sixteenth century society, other teachings caused religious wars, killings, and intolerance across Europe and the New World.

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Breaking Down the Introduction Paragraph

1. Broad Statement + Time Period
2. Topic #1
3. Topic #2
4. Topic #3
5. Thesis

Practice Prompt.

To what extent was King Louis XIV a good ruler?

Using the Practice Prompt:

Write the first sentence of your introduction paragraph (Broad Statement + Time Period).

Using the Practice Prompt:

Write your three topic sentences.

Using the Practice Prompt:

Write your thesis statement.

Body Paragraphs (Tips)

DO:

1. Tie your analysis into your thesis.
2. Ask yourself, “why am I using this?”
3. Write for someone who knows nothing.

DO NOT:

1. Write in the first person.
2. Use a number before 101. Write them out.
3. Start a paragraph with “first”, “second”, nor end a paper with “in conclusion”.
4. Write “etc...”
5. Use absolutisms (“all” or “every”)

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Breaking Down the Body Paragraphs

1. Transition and Topic Sentence

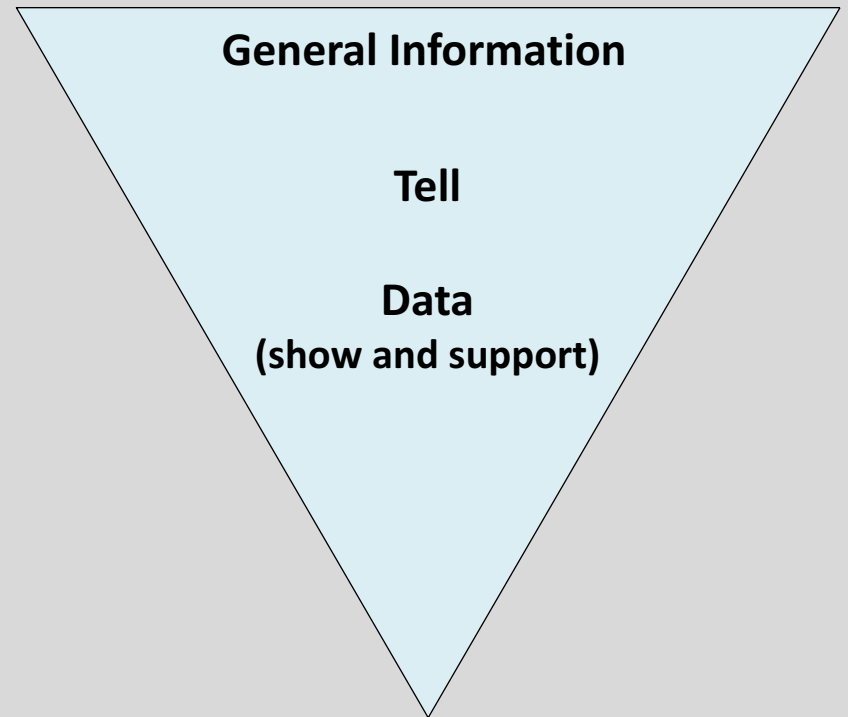
- Tell us what you will be discussing

2. Statement about the topic

- Content

3. Analysis and evidence

- Support your claim and provide further detail



What is the difference between content and analysis?

QUESTION.

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Breaking Down the Body Paragraphs

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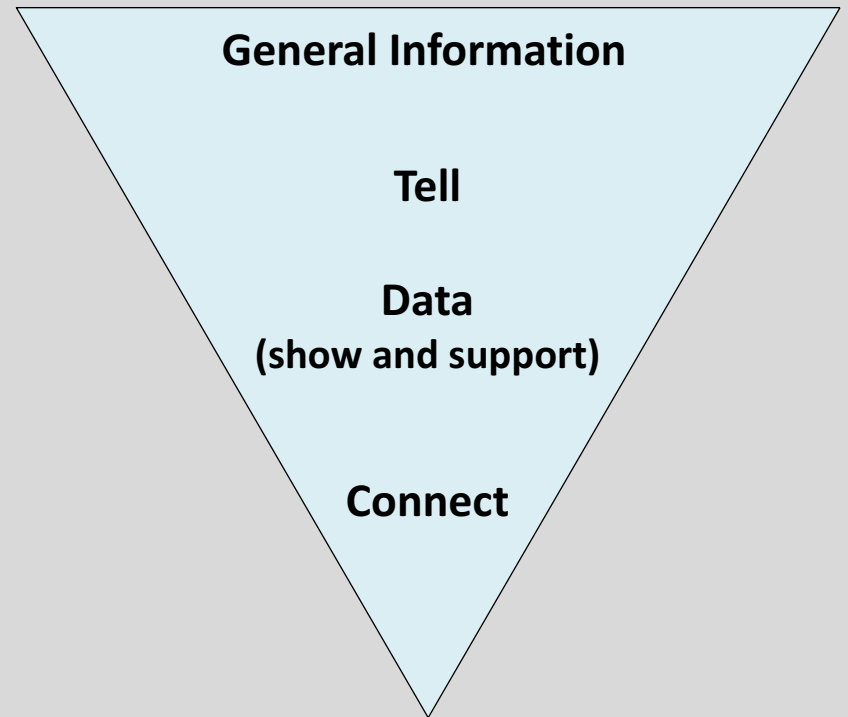
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- Support your claim and provide further detail

4. Statement

5. Analysis and evidence

6. Connect your analysis and facts to your thesis



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Breaking Down the Body Paragraphs

1. Transition and topic sentence
2. Statement about topic
3. Analysis and evidence

Continue if necessary, then connect information back to thesis statement.

Practice Prompt.

Using the same prompt (To what extent was King Louis XIV a good ruler?) write you first body paragraph.