**British Literature and Composition**

**Thesis Statement**

Writing and Evaluation

***Our Goal:*** *Generate a functional thesis statement that reflects research and will lend itself to controlling a 5 page MLA formatted research paper.*

*Please initial each item showing that you have checked and rechecked that element for correctness.*

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| Self EvaluationPeer Evaluation Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_ The thesis statement is not a question.  \_\_\_\_\_\_ The thesis statement is a grammatically correct complete sentence.  \_\_\_\_\_ Thesis begins with a capital letter.  \_\_\_\_\_ Thesis ends with proper punctuation.  \_\_\_\_\_ Thesis contains a complete thought.   \_\_\_\_\_\_ The thesis statement can be used to directly answer a question.  \_\_\_\_\_\_ It is possible for someone to argue the opposite of the thesis statement.  \_\_\_\_\_\_ If the thesis statement uses three main ideas/points, all three points are of the same part of speech. (Ex: noun, noun, noun; verb, verb, verb; etc)   \_\_\_\_\_\_ Thesis statement does not begin with words such as “it,” “this,” or “it’s”. | \_\_\_\_\_\_ The thesis statement is not a question.  \_\_\_\_\_\_ The thesis statement is a grammatically correct complete sentence.  \_\_\_\_\_ Thesis begins with a capital letter.  \_\_\_\_\_ Thesis ends with proper punctuation.  \_\_\_\_\_ Thesis contains a complete thought.   \_\_\_\_\_\_ The thesis statement can be used to directly answer a question.  \_\_\_\_\_\_ It is possible for someone to argue the opposite of the thesis statement.  \_\_\_\_\_\_ If the thesis statement uses three main ideas/points, all three points are of the same part of speech. (Ex: noun, noun, noun; verb, verb, verb; etc)   \_\_\_\_\_\_ Thesis statement does not begin with words such as “it,” “this,” or “it’s”. |
| I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understand that my topic needs to be well researched before I can attempt to write my thesis statement. I also know that if I attempt to skip the research stages and generate a thesis statement, I understand that I may actually be able to get an approved thesis statement, but will later fail when it comes time to write a quality paper. I am aware that I must do proper research to meet the standards and requirements for writing a **research** paper. | I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as a peer evaluator understand that I am to earnestly assess my peer’s work. I will am not helping by signing off on criteria that really isn’t there is not helping in the long run. |

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