

THESIS STATEMENT

MYTHS

1. **One sentence.**
 2. **Located at the end of the introduction paragraph.**
 3. **Finalized before writing a paper.**
 4. **Must contain three points.**
1. **Thesis statement can be presented in more than one sentence.**
 - Research papers may be addressing multiple support points that require more than one thesis statement.
 - It is better to provide clarity to the audience by composing the points in multiple sentences.
 2. **Thesis statement can be positioned in more than one place.**
 - Confirm the writing style
 3. **Thesis statement can be finalized when the supporting points have been thoroughly addressed.**
 - Thesis statements can be modified during the writing process,
 - Beginning a paper with a tentative thesis statement is quite acceptable.
 4. **Thesis statements do not always contain three supporting points.**
 - A five-paragraph paper is not the only structure.
 - Writers must address the writing prompt with a number of supporting points that will sufficiently reinforce the paper.