



# History Research Project 2020

## Thesis Statement

Thesis Statement Due: 19 Nov 2019 (Tue)

Develop 1 or 2 sentences that presents an argument about your Topic. (Daily Grade)

[Each Individual or Group must submit this Form. | NOTE: Group Leader submits this Form!]

Name [Group Leader]: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Working as:  Individual  Group (other members listed below)

Other members of our group: Student [2]: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please list 1-4 more people)

Student [3]: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Student [4]: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Student [5]: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

FORMAT:  Paper (individual only)  Exhibit (3-part board)  Performance  
(CHOOSE ONE)  Documentary (Computer-based / Video / Film)  Web Site

TOPIC|TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Subtitle:) \_\_\_\_\_

Please read **How to Write a Thesis Statement** on the back of this form PRIOR to writing in the space below

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# How to Write a Thesis Statement

## What is a Thesis Statement?

A one or two sentence summary that explains what your Project is trying to prove or analyze.

## How do I write a Thesis Statement?

### 1. Start with a Research Question: What do you want to find out about?

Some examples are below. Notice how each question would take some research to answer.

- *Why was Thomas Jefferson opposed to slavery?*
- *What happened to the Juvenile Court system to bring it to the crisis point?*

### 2. Research enough to be able to take a stand. Add your opinion about the topic.

What is the issue or concern? Make sure it's arguable.

- *Even though Thomas Jefferson had slaves, he showed that he valued every human being in his words and actions.*
- *The Juvenile Court system was established to remove children from the adult criminal justice system and help youth reform, but over the years it became a source of punishment and imprisonment.*

## Evaluate your Thesis Statement by asking these questions:

1. Is it clear what the project will be about?
2. Is it arguable? Is there something that has to be proven?
3. Will research be necessary to prove the thesis?
4. Is there only one main idea?
5. Is it about something in the past (prior to AD 2000) that is important?

## Assess your Thesis Statement using the following Rubric:

1. Thesis Statement includes elements of the NHD Theme <i>(Breaking Barriers in History)</i>	0	1	2	3
2. Thesis states the main topic	0	1	2	3
3. Thesis clearly states the impact of the topic	0	1	2	3
4. Topic placed in relevant historical context	0	1	2	3
5. Important who, what, when, where, and/or why included	0	1	2	3
6. Thesis is between 40 and 80 words in length / 1-2 sentences	0	1	2	3
7. Technical details are all correct (no use of I, we, they, or us)	0	1	2	3

0 = No Evidence | 1 = Incomplete Evidence | 2 = Evident | 3 = Clearly Evident