

Thesis Generator

1. STATE YOUR TOPIC

Ex: Regulating Children's television use

2. State your opinion/main idea about this topic.

This will form the heart of your thesis. An effective statement will

- express one major idea.
- name the topic and assert something specific about it.
- be a more specific statement than the topic statement above.
- take a stance on an issue about which reasonable people might disagree.
- state your position on or opinion about the issue.

Ex. Parents should regulate the amount of television their children watch

3. Give the strongest reason or assertion that supports your opinion/main idea.

It is not always intellectually stimulating

4. Give another strong reason or assertion that supports your opinion/main idea.

It inhibits social interaction

5. Give one more strong reason or assertion that supports your opinion/main idea.

It shortens children's attention span

6. Include an opposing viewpoint to your opinion/main idea, if applicable. This should be an argument for the opposing view that you admit has some merit, even if you do not agree with the overall viewpoint.

Television can be educational

7. Put it all together

Parents should regulate the amount of television their children watch because it is not always intellectually stimulating, inhibits social interaction, and shortens children's attention span.