

# Thesis

## Definition

1. The thesis is the point of the paper. There is always one, and only one, thesis for each paper.
  - A good thesis is theoretical, meaning that it explains how or why and is based on rigorous and systematic thinking.

## Why It Matters

1. A good paper develops a thesis. That means that a good paper explains one thing well.
2. Thesis and theory are closely connected ideas. A good thesis will reflect rigorous and systematic thinking, it will be theoretical.
3. Your papers must explain something. Your papers must focus on one (and only one) thesis.
4. The writing process helps you focus on a thesis and helps you fully develop, or explain, the thesis.

## How to Use It

1. Learn about theories, “theory”, and theoretical thinking. Learn to analyse.
2. Find something to focus on. Develop a “focusing question” that asks how or why. Then answer it (with “by” or “because”). The answer to your focusing question will be your thesis. Write a thesis statement. Then fully explain the thesis statement.

## Related Terms and Models

1. Theory
2. Focusing Question
3. Levels of Analysis
4. Writing Process
5. Six Stages of Writing
6. Five Fs of Writing