

**Thesis Statement**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hour: \_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your thesis statement is a “map” for the rest of the paper. It is the most important sentence in your paper because it lets the reader know what to expect next.

Three parts to a thesis statement:

1. Subject
2. Precise opinion
3. Blueprint of reasons

Thesis Statement	
1. Subject	<i>The black plague</i>
2. Precise opinion	<i>The black plague spurred the field of science into existence.</i>
3. Blueprint of reasons	Main Point 1: <i>The black plague devastated Europe and Asia by killing over one third of the population at the time.</i>
	Main Point 2: <i>People overcame the black plague by using a primitive version of the scientific method.</i>
	Main Point 3: <i>The scientific method gave people a means to rationalize life and the confidence to seek knowledge that would improve the quality of life.</i>

Write the three parts together in one strong, clear statement. This sentence should make you think, “Wow! This paper has a clear goal and a plan of action to get there.”

*The black plague spurred the field of science into existence by initially killing over one third of the population at the time, being overcome by a primitive version of the scientific method, and finally leading people to rationally seek a higher quality of life.*

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