

After choosing the sources for the body of my essay, I was able to create a thesis statement that 1) is influenced by past scholarship that I have researched, 2) is influenced by my own ideas/perceptions about the topic/text, and 3) implies the structure of my essay. What I mean by the third point is that the structure of the essay will be unpacked in the body of my essay in the following way:

The Bluest Eye, the detrimental nature of gender roles is shown through the existing female beauty standards, the application of these beauty standards in female lives, and the consequences on the female characters who neglect these beauty standards.

Outlines how existing female beauty standards in *The Bluest Eye* show that gender roles are detrimental, using at least two sources or quotes as supporting evidence.

Outlines how the application of beauty standards in female lives in *The Bluest Eye* shows that gender roles are detrimental, using at least two sources or quotes as supporting evidence.

Outlines how the female characters in *The Bluest Eye* neglect these beauty standards and face consequences for doing so, using at least two sources or quotes as supporting evidence. Then, explains how this fact shows that gender roles are detrimental.

Reiterates thesis statement in a fresh and universal way (without introducing any new ideas).

Forms of Thesis Statements

Your thesis statement may not follow the exact form as mine, and could use any of the following forms:

Claims of fact/definition: argues about what the definition of something is, rather than its truth

Claims of cause and effect: argues that something caused another thing to occur

Claims about value: discusses what something is worth, how we value it, or how we would rate/categorize it

Claims about solutions or policies: argues for or against a solution to a problem

Final Tips for a Good Thesis Statement

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