

Thesis Statement Worksheet

Directions: State if the following thesis is weak or strong. Why?

Example: Crime must be stopped.

Weak because it is a general statement. What crime? Where?

1. The court needs to implement stronger sentences.

Weak because it lacks specifics; What type of sentences?

2. Charles Dickens is a good author.

Weak because it is obvious; This is a widely accepted opinion. What about his style makes him a good author?

3. History is an important subject.

Weak because it is too general; Why is history an important subject? What kind of history?

4. Charles Dickens uses the setting of his novels to emphasize the theme of class division.

Strong because it provides a specific aspect of Dickens' work to discuss

5. Socialism is the best form of government for Kenya because it will promote equal opportunity for workers.

Strong because it states specifically why socialism is best for Kenya

6. If the government takes over the copper industry in Kenya, it will become more efficient through regulation and standardization.

Strong because it states a specific industry the government should control

7. Sigmund Freud is one of the greatest psychologists in medical history.

Weak; Why is he one of the greatest psychologists in medical history? This essay is too general and could discuss almost anything.

8. Because Banana Herb Tea Supplement promotes rapid weight loss that results in the loss of muscle and lean body mass, it poses a potential danger to customers.

Strong because it provides a supposed fact that the essay will prove.

9. Movies are becoming more and more daring in their subject matter.

Weak; How are they becoming daring? What is the argument?

