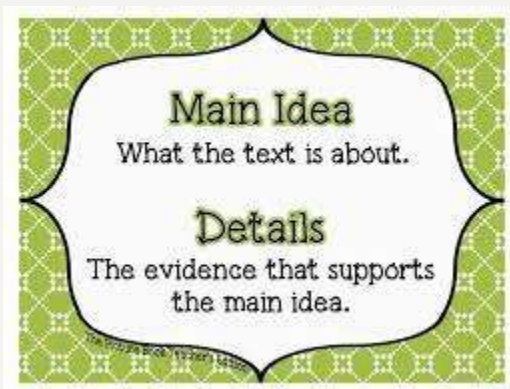


HOW TO STRUCTURE A THESIS STATEMENT?

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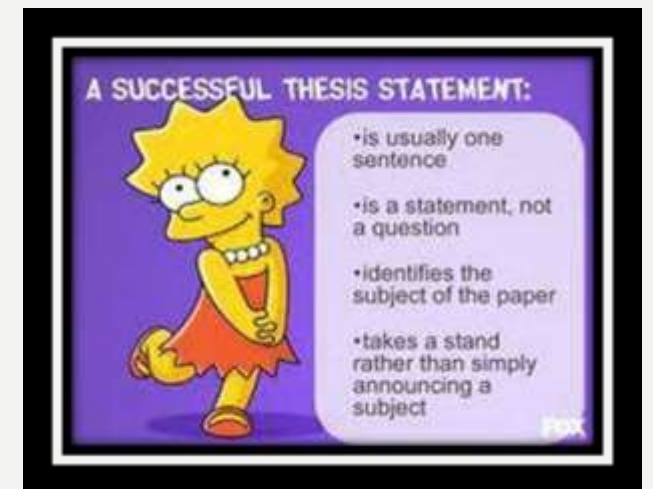
WHAT IS A THESIS STATEMENT?

- One clear well-developed declarative sentence, no matter how many clauses it contain
- Main idea + your opinion (purpose)
- One controlling/main idea
- Two or more supporting ideas



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A THESIS STATEMENT?

- A thesis statement makes a promise to the reader about the scope, purpose, and course/direction of the thesis
- Presents your argument to the reader
- It summarizes the conclusions that the writer has reached about the topic.
- A thesis statement is generally located near the end of the introduction.



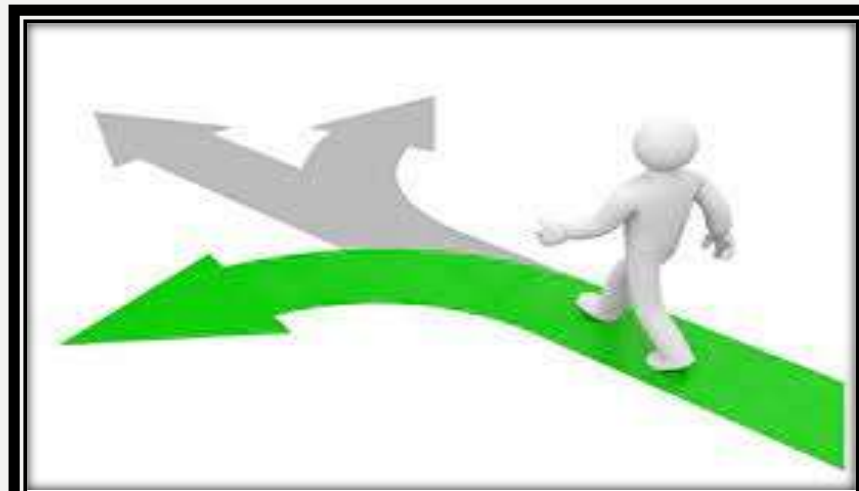
A PERFECT THESIS STATEMENT

- A perfect thesis statement guides a reader to interpret the significance of the subject matter under discussion.
- Such a statement is also called an “argument,” a “main idea,” or a “controlling idea.”
- A thesis statement keeps the writer balanced on the purpose and lessens the threat of intellectual wandering
- It should be convincing, logical and persuasive



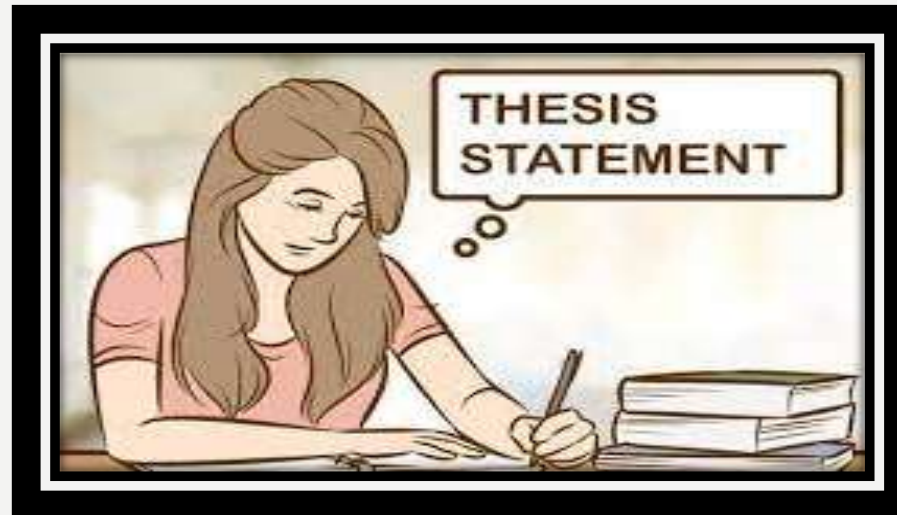
A THESIS STATEMENT KEEPS YOU ON TRACK!

- The advantage of a clear thesis statement is that it will also help you to stay on track.
- At any time during your writing process, you should be able to make a direct connection between what you're writing and your thesis statement.
- If that connection isn't clear, you may need to either adjust your writing, or revise your thesis statement.
- Thesis statements can be changed during the evolution of a paper however, make sure you re-examine your outline before you divert too far from your original plan.



HOW TO WRITE A THESIS STATEMENT?

- State your topic. - Your topic is the vital idea of your paper
- State your main idea about the topic – an insightful opinion
- Provide a reason that supports your main idea
- Provide another reason that supports your main idea
- Provide one more reason that supports your main idea
- Combine your main idea and the supporting ideas (reasons) to form a thesis statement

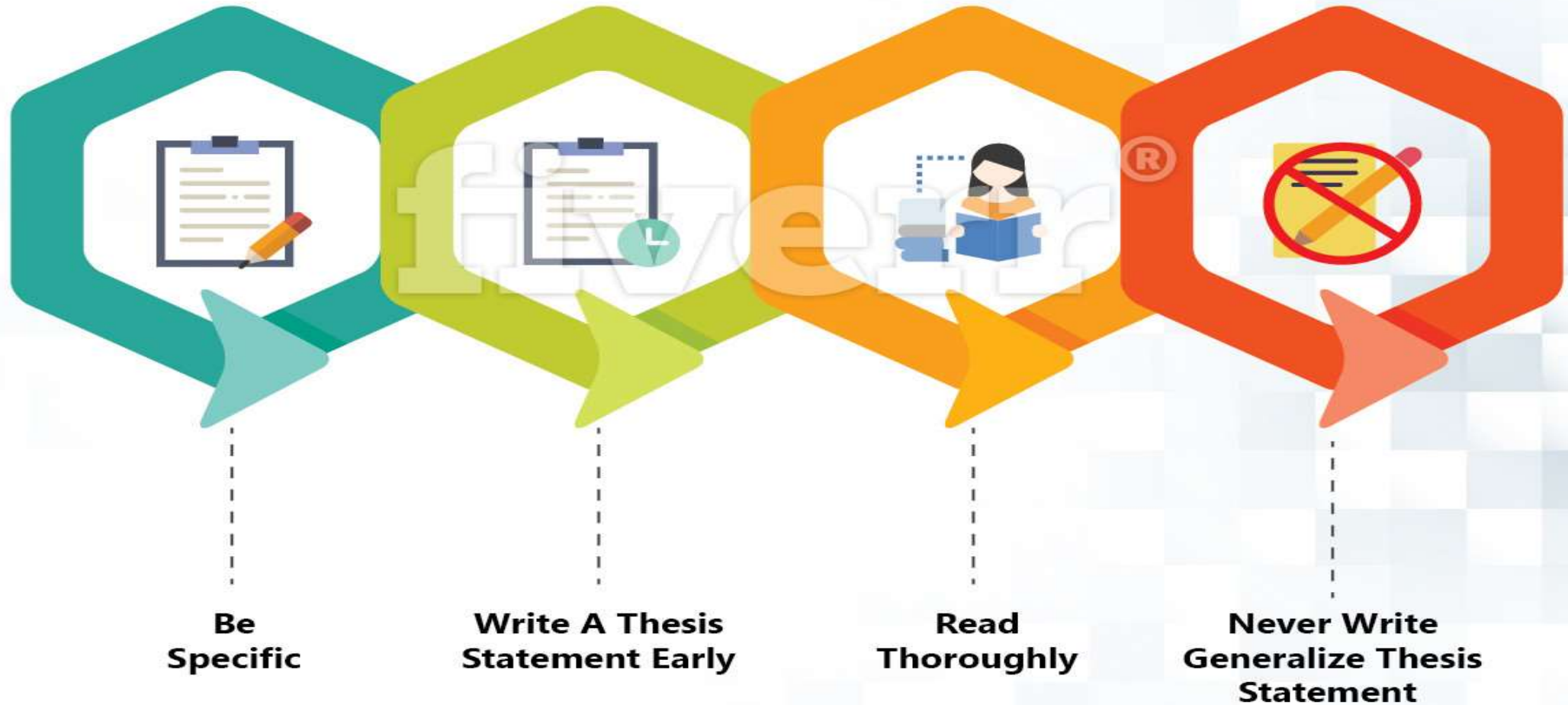


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- DON'T be ambiguous or mysterious.
- Vague language talks about something without directly saying what it is.
- Some students believe that their thesis statement should be vague so it doesn't give the argument away - THIS SHOULD BE AVOIDED



TIPS TO WRITE A THESIS STATEMENT



A Successful Thesis Statement:

Provides readers with the main claim of your paper. It tells readers what your paper will be about.

Makes a claim that others may either agree or disagree with.

Is a statement, rather than a question.

Is written in your own words. It is not a quote from a source.

Generally appears at the end of your introduction.

