

## THESIS STATEMENTS: GOOD, BAD, OR UGLY?

*Identify each of the thesis statements below as good, bad, or ugly. If determined to be good, then you can leave the statement as it is. If determined to be bad or ugly, then rewrite the thesis statement into a good one.*

Good, Bad, Ugly?

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\_\_\_\_\_ 1) Transplant patients should not have to pay for their new organs.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2) I think all body-enhancing agents should be illegal for professional athletes.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 3) The president should be allowed to veto any bill that comes across his desk, because he is the person in charge of the country.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 4) If children can't read by the time they are in the fifth grade, then they should not be allowed back in school until they can.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 5) All middle school classrooms should be comprised of the same gender because the students will learn better, more conflicts will be avoided, and teachers will be more effective.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 6) Barney is the greatest friend in the world.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 7) A democracy is the best form of government available.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 8) Students need longer passing times.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 9) Barack Obama is the first black president to be elected in the United States.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 10) The reason I was rooting for Obama was because if McCain died, Governor Palin would become President; also, Obama would be a change for our country, and lastly, Obama's vice presidential candidate Joe Biden has more experience than Governor Palin.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 11) Dino Rossi should be Washington's new governor because he will bring the change our state needs.

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### **WRITE YOUR OWN THESES**

*Now construct good thesis statements for each of the following topics.*

12) Statement in favor of Illinois converting to a year-round school calendar.

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13) Statement against homeschooled kids being allowed to participate in school-sponsored teams.

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14) Statement about the quality of school lunches at Saint Viator.

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15) Please rate your understanding of theses and your ability to write effective theses on a scale of 1 – 10.

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