

Top 5 Thesis Things to Keep In Mind

1. **It's a roadmap.** What are you going to show your reader? A strong thesis will help you decide what to include. As you work, ask yourself: how does this connect to my thesis?
2. **Make an argument.** Take a side! Try to *convince* someone to believe what you believe.
3. **Answer: so what?** Why should the reader care about your topic? What did it impact or change? What was the result? We all know Susan B. Anthony fought for women's right to vote, but why should we care at all, even today?
4. **Bring in the theme.** Readers should be able to pick out the conflict AND compromise in your thesis—don't leave one out!
5. **Be patient.** A thesis takes time. You will write multiple drafts. Do not get discouraged. The more drafts you make, the closer you are to a fantastic thesis!