

ENG 1113 Unit 1: English Composition Thesis Revision Worksheet

To understand the importance of a precise thesis sentence, fill in the worksheet below concerning Thesis 1 and 2. As we discuss each row in class, write down your answers when asked to do so during class discussion. Afterwards, write your current thesis sentence in the second chart and determine if it falls closer to Thesis 1 or Thesis 2. Share your results with your peer revision group.

THESIS 1: Basketball is great.		THESIS 2: Though some people may think basketball is only a sport, to me, it was a lifesaver.	
List 3 reasons someone might argue that basketball is great.	1. 2. 3.	List 3 reasons someone might consider basketball a lifesaver.	1. 2. 3.
Select one of the above reasons. How would you define and explain that in a body paragraph?		Select one of the above reasons. How would you define and explain that in a body paragraph?	
Continuing with this reason, what example could you give to illustrate your explanation?		Continuing with this reason, what example could you give to illustrate your explanation?	
How would you tie this back to the thesis or show significance of the reason?		How would you tie this back to the thesis or show significance of the reason?	
Evaluate the thesis sentences for interest, depth, uniqueness, and appropriateness for assignment.			
What is missing from Thesis 1 that is present in Thesis 2?			

REVISE YOUR THESIS

Your Current Thesis:		Revised Thesis:	
List 3 reasons someone might argue that basketball is great.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 	List 3 reasons someone might consider basketball a lifesaver.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
Select one of the above reasons. How would you define and explain that in a body paragraph?		Select one of the above reasons. How would you define and explain that in a body paragraph?	
Continuing with this reason, what example could you give to illustrate your explanation?		Continuing with this reason, what example could you give to illustrate your explanation?	
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