The Amazing Thesis Statement!

A thesis statement is one declarative sentence that clearly and concisely expresses the main ideas of your paper.

Every thesis should:

- Include each main point of each body paragraph in your essay
- Argue a position and completely answer the questions posed by your paper
- Be supported by several solid arguments throughout the paper
- Be easily identifiable, preferably by being the last sentence in your introduction
- Be very specific, in your own words, and straight to the point

The Three Different Types of Thesis Statements:

- Expository theses explain one large idea to the reader.
  o Example: The life of the typical college student is characterized by time spent studying, attending class, and socializing with peers.

- Argumentative theses make a claim about a topic and justify that claim with specific evidences and examples.
  o Example: High school graduates should be required to take a year off to pursue community service projects before entering college in order to increase their maturity and global awareness.

- Analytical theses break down, evaluate, and present an issue in more detailed ideas by answering a WHY or HOW question.
  o Example: An analysis of the red-tailed hawk reveals two kinds of flight patterns: patterns related to hunting prey and patterns related to courtship.