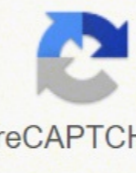


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Examples of Thematic Statements

- Love is a powerful emotion that has the ability to transcend even death.
- Ambition is an admirable quality, but if left unchecked, it can lead to disaster.
- War has the power to reduce people to mere objects or targets.
- Ex. Good things come to those who wait →
 - Patience is a desirable quality that is usually rewarded in the end.

Thematic Essay Format

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Theme: Change (Individuals Who Have Changed History)

The beliefs and achievements of individuals have changed global history. These beliefs and achievements have had positive and negative effects on society.

Task:

Identify two individuals who have changed global history and for each:

- Explain one belief or achievement of that individual
- Discuss the positive and/or negative effects of the individual's belief or achievement

<u>Individual:</u>	<u>Belief:</u>	<u>Effects:</u>
Simon Bolivar	Nationalism: Simon Bolivar believed that South Americans had the right to determine their own forms and types of government. He sought independence from Spain. He believed that South Americans should control their own resources and trade.	Positive Effect: South Americans gained political independence from Spain. Negative Effect: While Bolivar wanted a democratic republic, South American governments were elitist, favoring the wealthy landowners, and dictatorial.
Nelson Mandela	Equality Among the Races: Nelson Mandela was a South African civil rights activist. He believed that Black South Africans should receive the same rights as white South Africans.	Positive Effect: South Africa became a democratic republic which ensured the rights of all citizens. Positive Effect: Nelson Mandela became the first Black South African President.

HOW TO WRITE A THEME STATEMENT

The _____ by _____
book's genre book's title author

is about _____
state the topic idea (e.g. trust, love, friendship)

and reveals that _____
say something about the human condition

Family Mission Statement

If you want your family to be strong and successful, you have to create a working plan. You need to know what direction you would like to head and how you are going to get there. Sit down together and write your family mission statement. It will be a powerful first step on your family's road to success.

Answer the following questions. On the next page, put your answers together in sentence format. Hang your mission statement in a common area where everyone in the family will see it often and refer to it frequently. For even more traction, have each family member memorize your mission statement. Then, family members can take it with them wherever they go.

1. We are at our best when...
2. We are at our worst when...
3. What does our family love doing together?
4. As a family, how can we better help one another?
5. As a family, what can we give to others and how can we help people outside of our family?
6. What do we need to change as a family?
7. On what principles do we want our family based?
8. What does each of us want to be in the future?



