

## Thesis Statement Practice

### Answer Key

Decide if the following are good thesis statements or not. Write **yes** if it is a good one. Write **no** if it is a weak thesis statement.

Remember, a good thesis statement will:

- have a topic and a controlling idea.
- be arguable.
- not be too broad or vague.
- not be too narrow.
- not announce the topic.

1. **No** Cancer is a bad disease. **Too broad**
2. **No** Some children have to walk to school. **Not arguable**
3. **No** *Transformers* is a great movie. **Too broad**
4. **Yes** High schools should require students to wear uniforms. **Has two parts and is arguable**
5. **No** Every seventy-four years, Haley's comet passes Earth. **Not arguable**
6. **Yes** The U.S. needs to raise its minimum wage for workers. **Has two parts and is arguable**
7. **No** Greenland is an island made of ice. **Not arguable**
8. **No** This essay will explain why college tuition rates are increasing. **Announces**
9. **No** It is necessary because children need help and need to be safe. **Not specific because of pronouns**
10. **Yes** Political fighting prevents the government from functioning properly. **Has two parts and is arguable**