

2 Thesis statements that do work — Part 2 — Answers

Answers

Work through these after you have tried the questions yourself.

2.1 announcing names a subject and takes no position; a thesis states the position the essay will defend.

2.2 one that can be argued with evidence and disputed by a reasonable reader.

2.3 nobody holds the opposing position, so there is nothing to defend the claim against.

2.4 attaching the claim to something specific enough to be defended in the space available.

2.5 it reduces how much is claimed without making the claim more specific, so there is still no definite position.

2.6 any defensible claim about the causes, e.g. “the flood followed from drainage decisions taken a decade earlier”. \