

Helpful Thesis Terms and Phrases

Words and phrases that set up argument:	Expressions of degree of significance:
Although...	Greater
While...	More
Despite...	Striking
Even though...	Pronounced
Some evidence may suggest...	Lasting
One could argue...	Significant

EXAMPLES:

Although X, of greater historical significance is Y

While some evidence could suggest X, More pronounced is the evidence supporting Y

Though X was a factor, the more lasting effect was Y

THESIS FORMULA:

Argument word or phrase, Counterpoint, Expression of degree of significance, Assertion of position, Main points.

NOTES:

Remember that your counterpoint and your main points need to be of the same type and level of specificity!

Thesis statements should be closed style, single sentence construction for this class.

ALWAYS –

Past Tense

Third Person

Formal language

Clear and concise, avoiding too much detail or flowery language