

Agenda:

What's a "truism"?

How can I write a thesis?

What goes in an introductory paragraph?

Writing assignment - OMAM

Homework: Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

What is a truism?

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It is a statement that is considered to be mostly universally true; it cuts across culture and time and it is a statement with which most people, regardless of age or upbringing, will find to be true. It is a statement that people can relate to and understand. The ideas presented are UNIVERSALLY relatable.

Finding the truism in literature helps you connect stories to one another and to everything else out there in the REAL world.

Finding the truism helps you write an AWESOME THESIS!

People need people.



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How does
this picture
relate?

People need people.

It takes each of us...

What picture
would work for
this truism?



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It takes each of us...



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What does this picture represent?
What truism can we use here?



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Developing a thesis

Some facts:

- a thesis statement comes at the end of your introductory paragraph!
- a thesis is an arguable/debatable statement that shows your opinion, but it is stated confidently as a fact!
- a thesis will guide your reader to seeing exactly what you see!

Writing your intro paragraph:

Your intro paragraph should include the following:

a HOOK to grab your reader's attention

a sentence that includes the author of the literary work AND title of the work

a brief summary of the literary work

(In *The Scarlet Ibis*, the narrator tells the story of the life and death of his younger crippled brother, Doodle, through flashbacks and selective details.)

- In Steinbeck's novella *Of Mice and Men*, the theme of _____ is emphasized/predominant/significant/shown through _____

(the characters on the ranch and their actions? Ask yourself some questions about this theme...** Who does the theme relate to? Who does it NOT relate to? Who are you going to talk about? Ask some questions....This is where you can summarize the commonalities of the characters.)

- Steinbeck's ***purpose*** was to show his readers that _____

This is your thesis. It is a truism + your personal opinion in this situation.

This assignment is due at the end of class!

Writing assignment:

Write an essay of at least three paragraphs that explores one of the themes in your novella, OMAM.

You must follow the APE structure

You must have a thesis statement

You must include at least three quotes to support your thesis

Para #1 - Intro
Para #2 - Meat - quotes
and supporting facts
Para #3 - Conclusion