Thesis Statements

We are writing an essay that will make a thematic statement about “All Summer in a Day” and the use textual evidence to argue that theme. The thesis statement will have to have our theme and 3 plot points we are going to write about.

Thesis – the main idea of the entire essay

**T**opic – we are writing about theme and “All Summer in a Day”

**O**pinion – this is our unique thematic statement

**P**oints – the three plot points we will use to defend our thematic statement

Our thesis needs to be:

* One sentence
* Include the topic, opinion, and three points
* Acknowledge uniqueness

Example:

Although many lessons and morals can be taken away from Ray Bradbury’s “All Summer in a Day,” the main theme seems to be that experience is sometimes required in order for empathy towards other to be created, as one can see through the descriptions of the children, the bullying of Margot, and the climax of the story.

**T**opic: theme and “All Summer in a Day”

**O**pinion: experience is sometimes needed to create empathy

**P**oints: 1) descriptions of the children, 2) bullying of Margot, 3) climax of the story

Structure of the Thematic Essay

1. Introduction
   1. Attention getter
   2. Brief summary (2-4 sentences)
   3. Thesis
2. Supporting paragraphs
   1. Topic sentence
   2. FRED + ASE
   3. Textual evidence
   4. Sentence stems
   5. Clincher sentence
3. Conclusion
   1. Restating thesis
   2. Final thoughts