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Chapter Two:

Choosing and Narrowing a Topic (Developing a Thesis Statement)

Lecture Outline:

The thesis statement:

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For each paper with a thesis statement, there should be:

1. The introduction would define the thesis and interest readers in learning about it.
2. Including a background section would give the readers some information about the topic, the body of the paper would cover something about the topic.
3. The conclusion would summarize the key points of the paper, reinforcing the thesis and finishing it in such a way that the readers would feel that the paper is finished.

Why do you need to have a thesis statement?

Having a thesis statement helps both the writer and reader.

- For the writer, the thesis statement helps to organize and develop the ideas of the paper.
- For the reader, the thesis provides a guide or map to the paper.

Parts of thesis statement

All thesis statement, then, should have a subject and an assertion.

A *good* thesis statement has **a narrowed subject** and **a precise assertion**.

Examples of thesis statement

The decision of the Texan to defend the Alamo rather than abandon it was foolhardy.

The parochialism of the early modern Olympics caused international bitterness.

Example 1:

Subject

The decision of the Texans
to defend the Alamo rather
than abandon.

Assertion

(was) foolhardy

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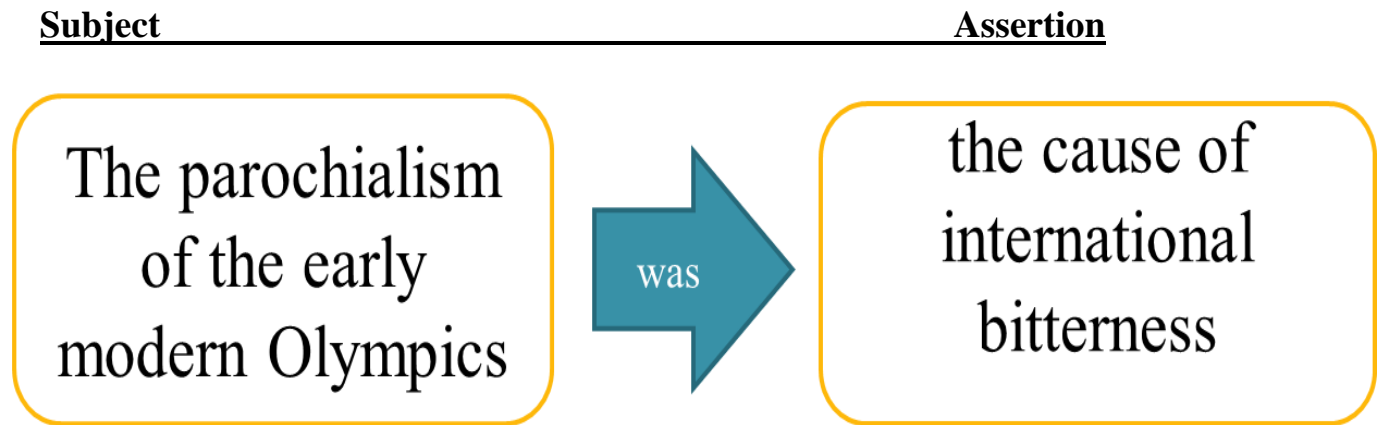
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The Texans at the Alamo were a collection of free-spirited frontiersmen more used to fighting bears and tumbleweed than combating the organized army approaching them. And this free spirit – this foolhardiness – was the real and regrettable basis for their tragic decision to defend the Alamo rather than to retreat.

Example 2:

Still, this thesis (as we've seen) and all thesis statements can reworded to fit the formula of “ subject” (is , was, should be, etc.) assertion.

Here's how we could reword the sample thesis on the Olympics to fit the formulaic model :



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Example of Progression from Broad Topic to Thesis Statement

Broad Topic: Online courses.

Narrowed Topic: The effectiveness of online courses.

Issue: The quality of online instruction versus traditional face to face instruction.

Research Question: Which type of course delivery is more effective—online or traditional?

Hypothesis: Traditional face to face courses are more effective than online courses.

Thesis: Traditional courses are more effective than online courses because face to face communication is more efficient and because students are more likely to be engaged in the learning process in a face to face learning community.

Tentative Thesis Statement Vs. Workable Thesis Statement

Tentative Thesis Statement : means the first draft of the TS which is liable to be changed or modified with the pass of the various stages of the writing process of our paper.

Workable Thesis Statement: The final version of the TS.