**WSHS’s TN Student Success**

**“Writing a Thesis Statement”**

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Please respond to the following as you review the website link:

1. What is a thesis statement?
2. Does an essay absolutely have to include a thesis statement?
3. Why is it a good idea for a writer to include a thesis statement?
4. In what way can a thesis statement be compared to an “umbrella?”
5. Why is it important to limit the focus of your thesis statement?
6. Why is it a good idea to go back and re-evaluate your thesis after you have finished the essay?
7. Where does the thesis statement most typically appear in an essay?
8. In what way does the opening paragraph function as a “funnel?”
9. Why is it important to avoid “announcing” the thesis statement?
10. Please take time to read the two paragraphs from Orwell’s essay. Which of the sentences would you say is or are the thesis statement?