

THESIS STATEMENTS
1-2-18 11th Grade

1. Topic decision
2. Thesis statement

A thesis statement is:

1. One statement, usually only 1 sentence
2. Summarizes main point of essay
3. Last sentence of introduction

2nd Hour:

Format:

This essay will argue that Daisy is the most complex character in the novel *The Great Gatsby* because she's careless at various times in the novel, doesn't know what she wants, and marries a man she doesn't like.

1. This essay will argue
 2. Topic
 3. Body Paragraphs/ main supports
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1. She comes across as an airhead
 2. One minute she likes Gatsby, the next she doesn't
 3. **Typical girl, doesn't know what she wants**
 4. **Doesn't even like tom the day before wedding**
 5. **She's careless**

3rd Hour:

Format:

This essay will argue that the story of *The Great Gatsby* is believable because the novel highlights peoples' faults, describes women's use of men, includes realistic pictures of death, and is highly regarded as a perfect representation of the 1920s.

1. **American classic/ representation of the 20's**
2. People partying
3. Crazy drivers
4. **Doesn't pretend people are without faults**
5. **Chicks dig men for their money**
6. **There's death/murder/suicide**
7. Many instances of jealousy
8. Cheating

BODY PARAGRAPHS:
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1. Transition sentence
2. Introduction of Evidence (quote) (1-2 sentences)
3. Evidence (direct quote) Explained.
4. Analysis (connecting to argument)

2nd Hour: includes realistic pictures of death

The Great Gatsby is believable not only because it accurately depicts women's use of men, but it also show realistic pictures of death. Fitzgerald proves this idea to his reader when he writes about Myrtle Wilson's death. Daisy was driving Gatsby's car home from New York when Myrtle ran out into the road and was run over by the car. Although the death was an accident, George Wilson felt as though "He [Gatsby] murdered her," (169). George felt this way because the accident was a hit and run and because he assumed Myrtle was having the affair with the owner of the car. This proves that the novel is believable because human nature is to make assumptions and because hit and runs happen in real life.

3rd Hour: marries a man she doesn't like

Fitzgerald writes Daisy to be the most complex character by demonstrating that she doesn't know what she wants as well as showing the reader that she marries a man she doesn't like. Daisy shows the reader the night before the wedding that she doesn't want to marry Tom when she threatens to throw away the string of pearls he gave her and says she changed her mind about the wedding. Jordan was told to "Take [the pearls] downstairs and give 'em back to whoever they belong to. Tell 'em all Daisy's change' her mine," (82). This quote shows the reader that Daisy was very confused about her relationship with Tom all along. This proves Daisy is a complex character because she is very indecisive about major life choices.