

Thesis: A good thesis states what you plan to argue, and it should explain how you plan to argue. What particular support for your claim is going on in your essay?

Clearly state what your essay will argue.

The best place for your thesis is at the end of your intro paragraph

After you write your thesis, think about what might be said against it. This will help strengthen your argument and make you think of the arguments that you'll need to counter later in your essay.

Your thesis should never be a question, or even a list, but should be a specific, arguable claim.

Intro: Provide some context and background info on the subject matter to get your reader introduced (pretend they have no idea about what's talked about, like you didn't before you took the class, so if you're talking about how WWII advanced the evolution of jet aircraft, then you can briefly explain how airplanes were used during the war)

State thesis at the end of intro

Body paragraphs: Topic Sentence: Introduce the main idea of the paragraph. Sort of like a mini thesis.

Evidence: Present research, data, or quotations.

Analysis: Explain how the evidence supports your thesis.

Transition: Link to the next paragraph.

Conclusion: Restate thesis

Briefly recap the main points, with a special focus on your strongest to remind your proff of how smart you are

End with a strong, memorable statement. If it sounds cheesy/corny, you're on the right track.