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**Examples & Techniques for Writing Thesis Statements:**

1. **Occasion/Position Statements:** a complex (two-part) sentence that introduces your subject (occasion) and your position (opinion).
   * **Example:** Although Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated at a young age, he still had a lasting impact on the African American Civil Rights Movement.
     + **Although \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(**occasion)**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(position)**.**
     + **Because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(occasion)**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(position)**.**
     + **Even though \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(occasion)**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(position)**.**
     + **Since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(occasion)**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(position)**.**

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1. **Power/Number Statements:** sentence contains a number word that is the focus of the sentence; it tells your reader that a list of information will follow.
   * **Example:** Martin Luther King Jr. was successful for 3 reasons; these include his passion for nonviolence, his relationship with the church and religion, and his unrelenting pursuit of equality.
     + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faced *many* problems/challenged in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
     + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ overcame *many* challenges/problems/obstacles in order to become successful.**
     + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was successful for *\_\_\_****(number)* **reasons; these include \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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1. **However Statements:** Compound sentence that used however in the middle, (usually the first part will give the occasion and the second part will state the position).
   * **Example:** Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated at a young age; however, he made a lasting impact on the African American Civil Rights Movement.

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; however, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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1. **List Statements:** Statement that lists the categories that you will address in your paper. You can use a list of words, phrases, or dependent and independent clauses, but your list should remain consistent throughout the sentence.
   * **Example:** Martin Luther King Jr. contributed to society in many ways including rallying protests, using nonviolent techniques, and organizing a march on Washington D.C.

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ contributed to society in many ways including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was unsuccessful for many reasons including \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was effective for many reasons including \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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1. **Rhetorical Questions:** A thesis that asks a question that will grab the reader’s attention but that does not require an answer. Rhetorical questions can be difficult to write, and are usually followed by a statement that answers the question when used in essays.
   * **Example:** Ever thought about why we don’t have school on Martin Luther King Jr. Day?

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