

THESIS STATEMENT CHECKLIST

LOCATED IN THE INTRODUCTION OF YOUR SPEECH

ONE COMPLETE SENTENCE - NOT A PHRASE

EXPRESSES THE MAIN POINT OF YOUR ARGUMENT

DOES NOT INCLUDE FACTS

PRESENTS AN OPINION OR IDEA THAT WILL BE FURTHER DEVELOPED
FROM YOUR MAIN POINTS

EXAMPLE:

THROUGH ITS CONTRASTING RIVER AND SHORE SCENES, TWAIN'S
HUCKLEBERRY FINN SUGGESTS THAT TO FIND THE TRUE
EXPRESSION OF AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC IDEALS, ONE MUST
LEAVE "CIVILIZED" SOCIETY AND GO BACK TO NATURE.