

# Thesis Memo

For this assignment, you will submit a memo, addressed to your teacher, giving your thesis sentence and the main points you will use to prove that thesis.

- A “thesis sentence” is a single declarative sentence. It is not a question. It is not your entire opening paragraph. It is not a story describing your research process. It is the central point you intend to prove.
- You should expect only three to five main points. In a paper this short (and yes, this is a short paper), you do not have the space to develop ten or fifteen major points. If you have that many major points, the best you can do in a paper this short is simply name them, then jump ahead to the next. Narrow things down: You can only really succeed in discussing three to five items.

## *Mechanical Details*

**Length:** A page should do it. If you need more, you did not read the bulleted items above.

**Format:** Standard MLA format. (12-point Times Roman type, double-spaced, 1” margin all around, MLA header.)

## *Submitting the paper*

- The English Department wants electronic copies of all your essays this semester, so please upload the final product to the drop box in Blackboard. Some students (especially those who use Google Docs) have trouble figuring out how to do this, so ask if you are uncertain how to proceed!
- If you have any trouble getting the Blackboard upload to work, simply print a copy and bring it to class.

## *Due Date*

- **Final copy:** Friday, November 15, 2019

This essay is worth 25 points.

You will not receive credit if you submit this after Friday, November 22, 2019.