

Thesis Statements With Subsequent Evidence: An Exercise

Please identify the items below that qualify as a thesis statement that includes information about subsequent evidence with a “yes” and identify those that do not with a “no.”

_____ The Great Depression disrupted many people’s lives.

_____ Martin Luther King’s greatness stemmed from his ability to harness the moral indignation of whites and blacks alike through the power of non-violent protest in his actions of civil disobedience, the dignity of the Biblical rhythm in his speeches, and the pure power of right over wrong that his message conveyed.

_____ In this paper, I want to focus on how Malcolm X was a great leader.

_____ The U.S. should have entered World War II at the same time that Great Britain did because doing so would have slowed Hitler’s momentum in taking over Europe.

_____ The percentage of college students who vote has decreased in recent years.

_____ In Shakespeare’s *Othello*, while Iago epitomizes an evil character who manipulates others for his own goals, he nonetheless shows a far greater understanding of human nature than does Othello, the hero of the play, who consistently misreads signs that should alert him to the intrigue against him.

_____ In *The Forest People*, Colin Turnbull shares his study of a unique tribe in Africa.

_____ While Harriet Beecher Stowe’s style in *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* depends on narratives of emotion and Fredrick Douglass’s style in *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas, An American Slave Written by Himself* depends on factual details, both make a strong statement against the horrors and injustices of slavery.

_____ Although in Harriet Beecher Stowe’s *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, it is the figure of George—the inventor, the runaway, and the rebel—who represents a powerful role model for African Americans fighting injustice today, it is the character of Uncle Tom in his Christ-like suffering who held the attention of the extensive nineteenth-century audience steeped in the conventions of the sentimental novel.

_____ My purpose in this paper will be to show how Harriet Beecher Stowe’s novel characterizes the treatment of slaves during the period of slavery in the United States.