

Thesis Statements: the argument for the entire paper.

One Option:

_____ shows _____

In the novel _____ Mark Twain uses

(an element or device from the story) to show (a theme).

Elements: Setting, pt. of view, character, plot

Devices: (to name a few: imagery, allusion, sound...

In the novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* Mark Twain

uses humor to criticize the citizens of the village of St. Petersburg, Missouri.

Another option:

_____ shows _____, _____
and _____. (3-part thesis)

(An element or device from the story) shows (3 specific effects)

Another Option: Definition

_____ is _____.

(a character, the story itself, the actions) is/are (a definition)

Examples:

In the short story “War Party” by Louis L’Amour, Ma is a feminist.

The short story “War Party” by Louis L’Amour is a Bildungsroman

The conch in *Lord of the Flies* represents democracy.

