

Thesis Statements Review

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Understanding and Crafting Strong Thesis Statements

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about thesis statements in literature.

1. What is a thesis statement in your own words?

2. Why is it important for a thesis statement to be clear and focused?

- A. It makes the essay longer
- B. It helps the reader understand the main idea
- C. It confuses the reader

3. A thesis statement can be a question.

- True False

4. A thesis statement answers the question, 'What is this essay ____?'.

5. What does a strong thesis statement do?

- A. It makes a vague claim
- B. It tells a story
- C. It makes a specific claim about a story

6. Can you give an example of a strong thesis statement about a story you know?

7. A good thesis statement can bring joy to the reader, just like a good answer can.

- True False

8. Proverbs 15:23 reminds us that 'A man has joy in an apt ____.'

9. What is the purpose of writing a thesis statement?

- A. To summarize the entire book
- B. To express a clear opinion or claim about a story
- C. To entertain the reader

10. Why might someone struggle with writing a good thesis statement?

Answer Key

1. A thesis statement is a sentence that tells what the essay is about and what the writer thinks about the story. 2. It helps the reader understand the main idea 3. False 4. about 5. It makes a specific claim about a story 6. In 'Charlotte's Web', friendship is shown to be powerful and important through the bond between Wilbur and Charlotte. 7. True 8. answer 9. To express a clear opinion or claim about a story 10. They might not be sure what their main idea is or how to express it clearly.
