

Pro and Con Thesis Statements

1. Writing Pro and Con Thesis Statements

Read the following list of topics for argumentative essays. For each topic write a pro (for) thesis statement and a con (against) thesis statement related to the topic.

Example:

Topic : Women in the Military

Pro thesis statement: In a society where women are chief executives officers of companies, leaders of nations and family breadwinners, there is no reason why they should not play an active role in the military.

Con thesis statement: Women should not be allowed to fight in the military because they do not have the strength or endurance required in combat.

TOPIC : USING ANIMALS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH

Pro thesis statement:

Con thesis statement:

TOPIC : PRIVATE CITIZENS OWNING GUNS

Pro thesis statement:

Con thesis statement:

TOPIC : SMOKING IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Pro thesis statement:

Con thesis statement:

TOPIC : EVERY WOMAN'S RIGHT TO HAVE AN ABORTION

Pro thesis statement:

Con thesis statement: