

# Thesis Practice

**Directions:** Read and **ANALYZE** the following expository writing prompts. Then you will: 1.) help Mrs. Zambrano write a thesis statement 2.) write a thesis statement with your partner/group 3.) write a thesis on your own.

## PROMPT #1-(WITH MRS. ZAMBRANO)

Read the information in the box below.

### WRITTEN COMPOSITION #1: Expository

READ the following quotation.

If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

—Michael Jordan

THINK about the following statement.

No one can achieve success without overcoming obstacles.

WRITE an essay explaining the importance of never giving up.

## [What is this for?]

Be sure to—

- Clearly state your thesis
- Organize and develop your ideas effectively
- Choose your words carefully
- Edit your writing for grammar, mechanics, and spelling

1. Identify Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Claim (what I believe) \_\_\_\_\_

*(because)*

3. 2 Reasons/Support \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis statement \_\_\_\_\_

## PROMPT #2-(WITH PARTNER/GROUP)

### WRITTEN COMPOSITION #1: Expository

READ the following quotation.

A friend is a gift you give yourself.  
—Robert Louis Stevenson

THINK carefully about the benefits of friendship.

WRITE an essay explaining the importance of having a good friend.

## [What is this for?]

Be sure to—

- Clearly state your thesis
- Organize and develop your ideas effectively
- Choose your words carefully
- Edit your writing for grammar, mechanics, and spelling

1. Identify Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Claim (what I believe) \_\_\_\_\_

*(because)*

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Thesis statement \_\_\_\_\_

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