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Is It A Good Thesis?

Determine whether each thesis is good or bad. If it has all the appropriate characteristics, it is good. If it's missing even one, it is a bad thesis. On the back of this sheet, rewrite the bad theses. When you're finished, write a thesis of your own and make sure it checks out.

Thesis Examples	Is it one sentence?	Do you know the topic? (If yes, write it).	Is there a clear position or opinion on the topic? Can it be debated?	Do you know how the essay will support the argument?	Is the point stated clearly with specific and appropriate language?	GOOD or BAD THESIS?
People should not be allowed to put their animals to sleep because it is wrong.						
Spanish is a pretty good language to learn because it is helpful for lots of real world stuff.						
<i>The Hunger Games</i> is a popular young adult novel about teenagers who must fight to the death.						
Blue Mountain Middle School should require school uniforms, which can protect and comfort students physically and socially.						
There are students who emigrated from many countries at our school, including Japan, Ecuador, Poland and Nigeria.						
The United States should require cafeterias to carry more fresh fruit because it is inexpensive and fresh fruit has many health benefits.						
Franklin D. Roosevelt served the longest term as President, and his New Deal was helpful.						
Women's fashion in the 1920s, including revealing hemlines, short haircuts and big jewelry, represented women's changing place in society.						
YOUR THESIS:						