

Possible Templates that Can Support Thesis Statements for Literary Essays

- When I first read this, I thought . . . , but now as I reread it, I realize that . . .

To many people, this text seems to be about. . . . That makes sense because. . . . But to me, the text is about . . .

- So and so is . . . because of A, B, and most of all, C.
- This text teaches readers that when (times are bad, you are alone—whatever the problem is in the first half the text), then (there will be a friend, things will get better, you can grow stronger from it—whatever the solution is in the second half the text).

Early in the text, (the characters have this problem).

- Later in the text, (the character learns this).
- My ideas on . . . are complicated. On the one hand I think (A) . . . On the other hand, I think (the opposite of A).