**Checklist** for a Thesis Statement

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Use this checklist to improve your thesis statement. Revise the statement until you can check off each item.

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|  | Does my thesis focus on a specific writing idea? |
|  | Does my thesis accurately address the purpose of the assignment? |
|  | Is my thesis stated in a clear, direct sentence (or sentences)? |
|  | Is my thesis supported by the information I have gathered? |
|  | Does my thesis suggest a pattern of development for my essay? |