Models for writing thesis statements:

These models are meant to give you an idea of some possible structures for writing a thesis. Of course, there are many other possibilities. You can create your own structures by taking parts of these and changing them, or using them in various combinations. Remember that the letters A, B, etc. are meant to stand for specific ideas you've come to in your critical reasoning!

There has been much controversy among experts about A and B. However, few experts have focused on C, which is important because.....

Much research has already established D and E. However, there is a significant gap in the research regarding F.

Although A has mostly been interpreted as either B or C, A can also be seen as D. This is significant because...

This paper will argue that A .... B will also be examined to show... Finally, the essay will conclude by pointing out...

The author effectively establishes X and presents a convincing account of Y. However, the article fails to address A and B, which means that...

This study is significant and useful in that..... However, the study’s value as X can be called into question because Y.....as well as Z....

This essay will show the links between A and B that led up to C. I will establish these connections by first discussing...... This will be followed by an examination of ....... I will then conclude by exploring ........

This essay shows that X is ....... The essay will develop this view by (1) examining the origins of X; (2) showing the ways in which Z influenced X......; (3) exploring Y’s influence on Z and thus X, and finally (4) clarifying X’s significance to.....

My aim in this paper is to (a) provide a detailed account of A; (b) show how A became .......; (c) explore some of the significant effects of A on B, and (d) propose a number of possible solutions to B.

This paper will explain A’s......It will then argue that among the available solutions, B is most likely to succeed because...