

Active Thesis Statement strategies

Thesis Evolution

write a quick,
bad thesis
revise on the next line
revise the subject
revise the verb
revise the clauses
continue to the
bottom of the page

Thesis Creation + Defense in Groups

Groups of 4 create thesis statements
2 people stay to defend thesis
2 people go to another group
to critique + challenge
the other statements.

Kahoots "Quiz" on Thesis Statements

Create a quiz for "good
thesis" or "bad thesis." They use
their cellphones to answer
+ then discuss as a class.

Thesis Generator

write topic + main idea
narrow down the topic
add a because clause
add an although clause
refine

"I" statements / to start
~~I think that...~~

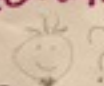
Anonymous Thesis Critique

Students send thesis
statements... put
up on screen for
anonymous critique

Gallery Walk for working Thesis Statements

Students write thesis statements
on board, walk by, add
push-ins/comments, students return +
take notes

Reading a Difficult Passage

- Sending them into controlled chaos
 ← James
- What pops out at you? What confuses you? star 
- Confusion and Golden Sentence
Rob 
- Annotation / Quotation Poker
Jan (me)
- Conversation between texts
Adrien → 
- Suspended Interpretation
Susan - 

Discovering COUNTER-

Arguments ...

- They Say, I Say - templates

- List all possible counter/disagreements (individual/group/peer or as read/respond w/ counter)

- Lawyer prepared for both sides

- Steel-Man Strategy

- Emphasize purpose ~ to persuade (ethos as writer)

Know Thy Enemy

What is the they say the author is responding to?

It's a fruit

It's too soggy

It's too sweet!

It's a child!

Pineapple is allowed on pizza and should be encouraged

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