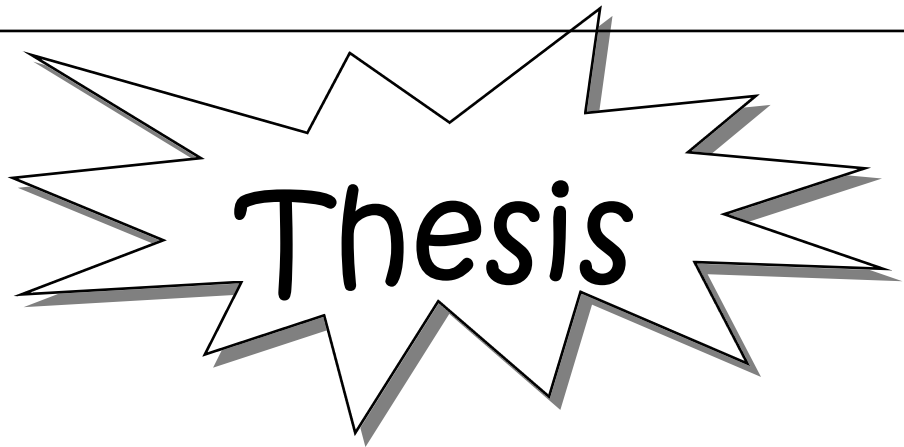

E XPOSITION



Here are 3 examples of a thesis. Next to each example, answer these questions:

1. What is the writer's position of side of the argument?
2. What is the main reason for his/her opinion?

EXAMPLE A:

Australian women played an important role in World War II. Since most able bodied men between the ages of 18 and 60 were away at war, women had to fill their jobs at home. Women also worked in factories to make the products, supplies and weapons the army needed. Many women served in the army as nurses or in administration. Without the participation and effort of women, the war could not have been fought successfully.

EXAMPLE B:

In the 1950s and 60s, many women suffered from feelings of isolation and frustration. After World War II, women had to move out of the factories back into their role as housewives. Advertising and magazines promoted the image of the perfect housewife. However, in reality, many women felt dissatisfied. They had many labour-saving devices so they had more time on their hands, and they often felt trapped at home. Migrant women who had to work for economic reasons were criticised for putting their children into childcare.

EXAMPLE C:

The Women's Liberation Movement gained many important advancements for women, such as the right of permanent employment in the Commonwealth Public Service in 1966. In 1972, women were awarded pay equality with men. The Sex Discrimination Act of 1984 made it illegal to discriminate against a person because of sex, marital status or pregnancy, and it made sexual harassment illegal.
