

Sample paper topic:

Barack Obama

Good or bad thesis? You choose:

Barack Obama is the president of the United States.

Barack Obama is a very important president of the United States.

Barack Obama was the first black man to become president of the United States.

Barack Obama is a very important president of the United States because he came from very humble beginnings and is helping others who also don't have much.

Barack Obama succeeded at becoming president of the United States because he was forced to work harder and face racism as a child.

Helpful hints for theses:

Answers a why question.

Allows you to make many important points about your person.

Allows your reader to learn the most important things about your person without doing all the research you did.

Hooks:

You want to pull the reader into your paper by writing a first sentence that will help you begin to introduce your thesis.

Ask a question...

Quote your person...

Say something shocking...

State an interesting fact...