

# Analytical and Persuasive Thesis Statements

## Supplemental Activity

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Analyze the two assignment prompts to determine if the writer is being asked to write a persuasive paper or an analytical essay. Underline the verbs (like *explain*, *persuade*, *analyze*) and nouns (like *journal entry*, *persuasive essay*) to see what form the writing is to take. You may be free to write either, but most prompts lean towards one type of paper over another. Note: the tutor can help you to analyze your prompt.

**Assignment prompt 1:** Write an essay analyzing the components of success in college.

When you have a good understanding of the concept, explain it to your readers, considering carefully what they already know about it and how your essay might add to what they know.

**Assignment prompt 2:** Write an essay proposing a solution to a problem. Choose a problem faced by a community or group to which you belong, and address your proposal to one or more members of the group or to outsiders who might help solve the problem.

Once you have determined which sort of paper each prompt is asking for, write a thesis for each assignment. If you are not sure which type the prompt is asking for, you could write both and then discuss them with the tutor.

**Assignment prompt 1 Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Assignment prompt 2 Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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