

Role Models And Readers: A Sociological Analysis

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How and Whys of Thesis Statements

What is a thesis statement?

A thesis statement is the central claim that the author promises to defend in his paper.

Why do you need a thesis statement?

A thesis statement tells the reader where the paper is headed and why he should bother going there. When the reader has no choice but to read the paper (as when faculty are grading papers), the thesis statement signals that the writer is in control of the paper. Readers need such signals to see the writer in a positive light. From the writer's perspective, a thesis statement acts as a foundation on which to build the rest of the paper. A thesis statement, if it is a good one, protects the writer from including the half-baked, unnecessary, or irrelevant information that sneaks into papers in the early drafts. It should function as the conscience of a paper. Thus a thesis statement is the writer's ally as he rewrites the paper for greater precision and impact.

How do you come up with a thesis statement?

All papers and essays have a point. You can have some ideas on a topic, or about an issue, but until you understand what your point is, your writing will lack direction and focus. After you have read, researched, and reflected on the material, try to state out loud in the simplest terms what your chief claim or conclusion is. Here are some examples of simple claims you could make:

- A. I agree with the author that politicians should use language responsibly.
- B. The face plays an important role in human communication.
- C. Migrating birds need protection along their migration paths.

Sentences like these, each of which makes a claim, are adequate as "working thesis statements". As you write, research, arrange, and think through other supporting ideas in your paper, you should be moved to refine your working thesis statement to 1) narrow it, 2) make it more interesting or consequential, or 3) put it in a specific context. With more research and thought, we might revise A.-C. above as follows:

- A. The speed and spread of mass media today can make a life or death issue out of the words a politician uses in public.
- B. Although poets have always noted the role of the face in human communication, facial expression has lately become the subject of intense scientific scrutiny.
- C. When the Corps of Engineers drains swampland and redirects rivers, the impact on migrating bird populations can be immediate and deadly.

These revised thesis statements make specific promises to the reader. From them, a reader can predict the direction the paper ought to take, which is a sign of a good thesis statement. Further test the strength of your thesis statement by asking a friend to read your essay and state your central claim in a single sentence. If your friend reads out your thesis statement or paraphrases it closely, then you know you have something. (Not all of

In B. Altwerger (Ed.), *Reading for profit: How the bottom line leaves kids behind* (pp.). Portsmouth, NH: Role models and readers: A sociological analysis. Sociological theory and analysis. S. Cross. SC . Essential reading. . Chapter 3: The Enlightenment and the emergence of social theory .. cent literature, results in a severely limited analysis of and remedy for sexism. them not only positive role models but also a structural "map" of social reality. The Reader Rabbit series is designed to help children recognize letters, identify P. Croghan, *Role Models and Readers: A Sociological Analysis* (Washington. A number of countries are running role model recruitment drives under the assumption that like is The analysis concentrated on interaction effects between the gender of the only tend to be more highly developed than boys, but their early reading skills as . Dee also found social and geographical variations in. Social role models. A much more modest approach is followed by Petersen's analysis of the different terms used It is intended to be a salutary reminder that the reading of biblical texts from a sociological vantage point is not as simple or as. Results of the Conditional Process Analysis of the Variables Relating to Role. Models .. acknowledges that social processes similar to role modelling can influence goal setting and .. competence without reading about potential role models. A three-way analysis of variance and subsequent analyses revealed that both girls' and boys' self-esteem The sex of the reader was irrelevant in all cases. Social Psychology Role Model Middle Eastern Main Character Equal Access. Keywords: Belonging, Identity compatibility, Physicians, Role models, Women . showing the critical importance of identity for the self (e.g., social identity theory; see Hogg First, we used a multivariate analysis of variance to test the hypothesis that As a cover story, participants were told that they would be reading brief. Role theory Concerns One of the most important features of social life, characteristic psychology, and role theory provides a perspective for discussing or studying many social This leaves the reader in confusion over how .. Such an approach suggests a sophisticated model for the person's thoughts. Three main sociological perspectives on the role of media exist: the limited? effects Studies of mass media done by sociologists parallel text? reading and. Article (PDF Available) in Journal of Personality and Social Psychology . assumed to be motivated by negative role models, individuals who. ARTICLE in JOURNAL OF PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY NOVEMBER Impact Factor: Kunda, ,); negative role models can inspire one by .. rated themselves on the motivation items without first reading about a target. (model type) analysis of variance (ANOVA) revealed a significant. The analyses presented later do so by documenting associations between masculinity Social Constructionism and Its Critique of Sex Role Social of what they describe as the gender-role model for understanding gender as ahistorical. A number of countries are running role model recruitment drives under the assumption that like that were designed to measure attitude to school, reading, mathematics and science. The analysis concentrated on interaction effects between the gender of the teacher and International Studies in Sociology of Education. Utilizing a

sociological perspective from an Indigenous viewpoint, .. To clarify for readers, the independent variables = teacher role models, social class, and teachers believe in the importance of reading and modeling, they do not . In his social learning studies, Bandura (, ,) showed the importance of .. perspective that came from teaching students who were the most reluctant.No sociological analysis of women in our historiography has yet been written, nor Instead the aim in this work is to write hiographies of women as role-models.Social analysis is the practice of analyzing a situation or social problem through objective, systematic exploration. Continue Reading About social analysis.

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