

English 9
Thesis Gauntlet Exercise

Your thesis should be
impersonal concise arguable specific

Thesis Error #1: The Non-Thesis Thesis

- it summarizes
- it does not argue (it considers, examines)

Cleared _____
Notes _____

Thesis Error #2: The Overly Broad Thesis

- it refers to a class of ideas
- it is a “container thesis”

Cleared _____
Notes _____

Thesis Error #3: The List-Essay Thesis

- it invites a list of arbitrarily arranged supporting arguments
- it lacks exigence as a result of its closed-in qualities

Cleared _____
Notes _____

Thesis Error #4: The Incontestable Thesis

- it's not controversial

Cleared _____
Notes _____

Thesis Error #5: The Research Report Thesis

- it takes on an issue that can be solved with a fact that can be looked up

Cleared _____
Notes _____