

Thesis Statements

- Thesis statements address the prompt and set up what the essay will be about, outlining your major points.

Sample 1:

Through his use of stylistic elements such as selection of detail, imagery, and figurative language, Capote reveals his own solemn and mysterious view of Holcomb, Kansas, while setting the stage for an imminent change.

Sample 2:

In Truman Capote's In Cold Blood, an image of the town of Holcomb is presented through precise types of diction, syntax, imagery, and tone.

- Review the prompt for “The Melting Pot” essay. You are to **1) explain Quindlen’s perspective on the melting pot and 2) explain how she develops this perspective.**
- Here are some sentence starters if you need guidance:
 - **Quindlen develops her perspective of the melting pot being ...** (brief overview of her feelings based on the “melting together” quote)... **through the use of** (list the two-three style techniques that Quindlen uses to develop her perspective)....
 - **Quindlen use _____ and _____ to develop her perspective that the melting pot is _____.**
 - **Quindlen believes the melting pot is _____, and she develops this perspective through the use of _____ and _____.**

