

## Helpful Tips

- Preview statements should be based off the thesis statement.
- Do not repeat the thesis statement in the preview statement.
- Remember to restate the preview statement in the conclusion.
- Write the preview statement in the order of topics within the body of the speech.

# Thesis vs Preview Statement

## What is a Thesis Statement?

Thesis statements should explain the broad idea that is addressed by the speech and its importance to the audience.

It should address the purpose of the speech in society (not for the class).

This is the statement that all students should use as a reference point to make sure each sentence they write thereafter can be logically connected back to.

Ex: Recombinant DNA is a modern technological development that has improved scientists' understanding of the human genome and the field of medicine.

## What is a Preview Statement?

Preview statements should give a breakdown of the speaker's 3 or 4 main points. These will be presented sequentially throughout the body of the speech.

This is the statement that is asked of by the professors and used to gauge the organization of the speech.

Ex: Today, I will talk about the development of recombination technology, its application to the Human Genome Project, and how it has spurred a rapid response to finding adequate treatment for COVID-19.