

Example #1

Poverty in the United States has always been a serious issue. People all across the United States struggle to provide for themselves. The government has been creating laws to help those who are poor afford their basic needs, but there is still poverty. If poverty is still a problem, the citizens should have more opportunities to afford their individual, basic needs. Since poverty has been and continues to be such a common and ongoing problem, the U.S. government and its more privileged citizens should do all they can so that all citizens basic needs are provided for in order to reduce poverty.

Castellani, Michelle. The Crisis of Poverty. Lake Zurich, 2009.

Example #2

Terrorism is a global crisis. The troops in Iraq are fighting to preserve the safety of our world. Terrorist groups like Al-Qaeda are a risk to everybody. Groups like this have made many threats to make attacks even worse than those made on September 11, 2001. Because of the numerous threats from Al-Qaeda and the high risk of terrorist attacks, the U.S. and its allies need to keep troops stationed in the Middle East to prevent further damage from terrorist groups.

Dillon, Bryan. Defense of America. Lake Zurich, 2009.

**** Notice that each succeeding sentence narrows down the topic.**

**** The underlined sentence is the thesis statement.**

