THESIS SENTENCES

EXACT STUDENT WORDING • STAAR ECR

SELECTED FROM TEA'S PUBLISHED TOP-SCORE (5/5) RESPONSES

2023–2026 • GRADES 3–8 + ENGLISH I & II • ORIGINAL SPELLING RETAINED

ELEMENTARY

GRADE	2026	2025	2024	2023
GRADE 3	**Opening thesis** In my opinion, life was worse for cowboys before 1884. TEA p. 22 · Response 2	**Opening thesis** The farmer felt more confident and believed in himself more than olivia TEA p. 22 · Response 2	**Opening thesis** Soil is important to all living things in ways you might not know. TEA p. 19 · Response 1	**Opening thesis** I think that people should be rewarded for recycling because it encourages people to recycle more. TEA p. 18 · Response 1
GRADE 4	**Body: part of central idea** To begin, the carvings contribute to the story because it shows that she likes carvings. TEA p. 21 · Response 1	**Opening thesis** In my opinion, changes should be allowed to be made to old recipies. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Opening thesis** The events in the story changed Cody's thoughts about Mud. TEA p. 19 · Response 1	**Opening thesis** The Edwards Aquifer is important in the article because it is a home for the Austin Blind Salamander and other animals. TEA p. 19 · Response 2
GRADE 5	**Opening thesis** Hare was right to trick the elephants into leaving. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Opening thesis** From new drawing materials to new computers and electronics, technology has been ever so taking animation to new heights. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Opening thesis** El-ahrairah's kindess helps him throughout the story by saving him and possibly the whole warren. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Opening thesis** In many ways, Kim shows determination throughout the story. TEA p. 21 · Response 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024	2023
GRADE 6	**Opening central idea** By the age of 6, she has done things most people don't have the chance to do in their lifetime! TEA p. 24 · Response 2	**Opening thesis** Dear town council, your idea to close off the bat cave to the public eye seems like a great idea. TEA p. 24 · Response 1	**Thesis in conclusion** Chip and Xavier are both very smart and patient, and love sharing it with their friends. TEA p. 21 · Response 2	**Opening: thesis sentence** To do that, they created something called the "Camel Mobile Library" to transport books to children. TEA p. 21 · Response 1
GRADE 7	**Opening: thesis sentence 1** When Strauss was building the Golden Gate Bridge he was implementing many safety measures. TEA p. 24 · Response 1	**Full thesis: see source guide** *Read the complete thesis in TEA's source guide. It is too long to reproduce here without shortening it.* TEA p. 24 · Response 1	**Opening claim sentence** I believe students should be involved in how a school's money is spent. TEA p. 23 · Response 1	**Opening thesis** Some things robots can help you with are housekeeping and doing chores at the job. TEA p. 24 · Response 1
GRADE 8	**Closing thesis restatement** The United States should invest in Maglev trains because of how efficient and benifitting they are for the country and world. TEA p. 25 · Response 2	**Thesis in body** They were made to solve a problem and shows the creativity and intelligence of past cultures. TEA p. 24 · Response 1	**Body: thesis sentence** Carol's curiosity throughout the story drove her to go back to the library after she thought her book's ending had changed. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Closing thesis restatement** They are smarter than we think, and can perform a wide variety of tasks if we teach them. TEA p. 25 · Response 2

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024	2023
ENGLISH I	**Opening thesis** Stage directions can influence how a character develops throughout a story by showing the characters emotions, actions, and reactions. TEA p. 26 · Response 2	**Opening thesis** Historical items have a large impact on modern day society by providing vision into the past and giving clear insight on events. TEA p. 22 · Response 1	**Opening: thesis sentence 2** Her defiance is significant because it allows her to free herself from her restrictive bonds and begin exploring her role outside the standard of traditional. TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Opening thesis** Now, the Road is a commemoration of American history and a time capsule to earlier days. TEA p. 25 · Response 2
ENGLISH II	**Closing thesis restatement** Through the author's curiosity and suspenseful language, the build up to the final encounter with the leopard becomes satisfying. TEA p. 26 · Response 2	**Opening thesis** Geological features have helped shape the history of human civilizations by influencing where people live and forming a natural border between different groups of people. TEA p. 26 · Response 1	**Opening thesis** It is not very common to see several countries working together towards the preservation of a continent whilst also developing research and ecological facilities. TEA p. 23 · Response 1	**Opening thesis** Thea's room helps her to come up with new ideas, get away from the turmoil in her life, and makes her happy. TEA p. 24 · Response 2

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