

Example Thesis Statements for Rubric Comparison

Reconstruction efforts were unsuccessful immediately following the Civil War because of the black codes that were instituted, failure to uphold laws that should have protected former slaves, and the prevalence of widespread propaganda.

Does the thesis statement above have? (check all that apply - this checklist corresponds to the thesis statement rubric that you will be graded upon)

- Three unique subtopics *highly supportive of claim*?
- Researchable subtopics with likelihood of abundant amounts of research found?
- Hook urges the reader to want to continue reading?
- Word choice is vivid, catchy, formal, and appropriate?
- Spelling and grammar are correct throughout and thesis statement is concise?

In the times that the spoils of the Civil War were becoming illuminated, Reconstruction efforts were enacted to help to heal the country; however they were unsuccessful due to the inhumane black codes that were developed, failure to uphold certain laws which should have protected the former slaves, and the widespread propaganda which served to spread fear and intolerance.

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When the spoils of the Civil War became glaringly evident, Reconstruction efforts were enacted to help to heal the country; however they proved unsuccessful due to inhumane black codes, failure to uphold laws which should have protected blacks, and the widespread propaganda which served to spread fear and intolerance.

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How did the second thesis statement improve over the first?

How did the third thesis statement improve over the second?