

Thesis Paragraph Checklist

Excellent Good Still Needs Work

1. Takes a clear position

2. Offers an interpretation of the question

3. Provides some historical context
(background info)

4. Offers organizing or controlling ideas
for the rest of the essay

5. Defines key terms

6. Anticipates counterarguments

7. Remains objective

8. Communicates the organization and
logical development of argument

9. Avoids using "I", "My", "We"

10. Overall paragraph

COMMENTS: