



Thesis Activities

What direction do you expect a paper to take if it has the following thesis?

In recent years, psychologists have collected considerable laboratory evidence about the processes that strengthen stereotypes and put them beyond the reach of reason and good will.

Snyder, Mark. "Self-fulfilling Stereotypes." *Themes and Variations: A College Reader*. Ed. W. Ross Winterowd and Charlotte Preston. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1985. 166-172.

But our notebooks give us away, for however dutifully we record what we see around us, the common denominator of all we see is always, transparently, shamelessly, the implacable "I."

Didion, Joan. "On Keeping a Notebook." *Themes and Variations: A College Reader*. Ed. W. Ross Winterowd and Charlotte Preston, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1985. 66-71.

This new time structure [the weekend] is important because it affects not only when we relax but also how we relax.

Rybczynski, Witold, "Weekend." *The Norton Reader: An Anthology of Nonfiction*. Ed. Linda H. Peterson and John C. Brereton. 11th ed. New York: W.W. Norton, 2004. 321-324.

Narrow the following topics and then, after deciding what course you might be writing the paper in, create a thesis that you could use for a two-page paper:

Writing

Stereotypes

Human nature

Religion