**A good thesis is…**

* **Clear**

*One easy way to do this…*

Use the fewest words possible.

* **Complex**

*One easy way to do this…*

Write a complex sentence.

EX: Although Romeo is good, he is too quick to blame fate for his problems.

* **Focused/Specific**

*One easy way to do this…*

Use specific language. Words like *good, bad* are fine places to start, but don’t use them in your thesis.

EX: Although Romeo is ~~good~~ very intelligent, he is too quick to blame fate for his problems.

* **Insightful/creative**

*One possible way to do this…*

Focus in on one or more specific literary devices.

EX: Although Romeo is very intelligent, Shakespeare’s word choice and imagery suggest that he is too quick to blame fate for his problems.

**Some words that can start COMPLEX SENTENCES:**

after, although, as, as long as, as soon as, as though, as if, because, before, even though, if, in order that, provided that, since, so that, than, though, unless, until, when, whenever, where, wherever, while

**Some more precise CHARACTER WORDS:**

Absorbed aggressive aloof ambitious amorous

Anxious apathetic argumentative arrogant bitter

bored carefree careless cautious churlish

compassionate conceited conniving curious deceitful demure

detached devious devoted dishonest easygoing envious

exacting frantic fretful gregarious irritable loquacious

manipulative mendacious naïve nervous noble

outgoing patient picky scrupulous self-involved sincere

sloppy spontaneous suspicious talkative testy

uninvolved unpredictable vindictive welcoming wise worried

**A few good LITERARY TERMS:**

Setting

Imagery

Diction (word choice)

Personification

Allusion

Syntax

Metaphor

Motif

Symbol