AP Language and Composition: Thesis Statement Template

**Fisher**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Author’s Name) **uses** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **to show** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\*The first blank is for the author’s name; the second two or three are for rhetorical devices; the final blank is for a thematic idea. Be as precise as you can when identifying rhetorical features and themes. Avoid merely restating the question.

**List of active verbs:**

**Demonstrate Communicate Your own?**

**Illustrate Express**

**Identify Justify**

**Elucidate Convey**

**Present Explain**

**Inform Prove**

**Reveal Persuade**

**Show Exemplify**

**Example:**

* **David Guterson** **uses allusion, hyperbole,** and **tone-laden diction** to **show** that the **Mall of America is a blight on our culture.**

**Example of a weak statement:**

* **In the David Guterson article titled “Enclosed. Encyclopedic. Endured: The Mall of America,” there are many examples of rhetoric that show his attitude toward the Mall of America.**