

# How to Write an Aha Connections Thesis

## What is an aha connections thesis?

It is a thesis paper, generated by you, that addresses the Big Aha or big problem of the unit, using evidence gathered along the way.

### 1. Let's get started by gathering what you need.

- Go back to the aha connections pages in your interactive notebook.
- Look for the key ideas or concepts you identified from the unit.
- Which lines of evidence best support these key ideas?
- You are now going to use these lines of evidence in your thesis to support your key points.

### 2. Now, begin by writing your introductory paragraph.

Introductory paragraph:

State the purpose of the unit and the key ideas and concepts learned.

(Hint: That's what you just identified in the four bullets above.)

### 3. Now you are ready to write the body of your thesis.

Body paragraphs of the thesis (usually three to five paragraphs):

In each of the following paragraphs, give details on one of the key ideas chosen from above.

Use your lines of evidence from your aha connections pages to support your thinking.

(Hint: There is no need to reinvent the wheel; use your own words from the aha connections pages in your interactive notebook.)

### 4. You are almost there—time to wrap it up.

Final paragraph—conclusion:

- Restate your purpose from the thesis statement.
- Give your thesis the “Hollywood” wrap up.
- Leave a final impression on the reader.

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