

## SAMPLE THESIS STATEMENTS

The recipe for a 'cause/effect' thesis statement is...

### Topic + Bias + Effect 1 + Effect 2 + Effect 2

There are **negative effects** of being a **teen parent** that result in sacrificing, such as delaying my college education, giving up my social and dating life, and then speeding through my teenage years.

The **abuse of drugs** leads to these **negative effects**: increased violence, increased chance of a criminal record, and threat of harm to you and your loved ones.

The **use of tobacco** brings (leads to / results in) the following **harmful consequences**: loss of money due to high cost, higher risk of lung cancer, and greater chance of other respiratory illnesses.

The three **life changing effects** of a **suicide attempt** are great emotional distress to the family, severe depression, and a lower self-esteem.

**\*\*\* Remember, the order of the effects in your thesis must match the order in the body paragraphs. \*\*\***