



## **THE THREE-PART THESIS**

A three-part thesis states the three reasons or arguments you will develop in your essay to support your thesis. Three-part theses give your reader an outline of your argument and help keep your paper focused. The theses in the first two examples above are three-part theses.

Pick out the theses from the list below:

1. Business Cycles.
2. The Star Wars Trilogy: Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back, and Return of the Jedi.
3. Downsizing.
4. Shakespearean Characters who die in the third act.
5. John Locke's philosophy greatly influenced America's founding fathers.
6. The origins of baseball in central New York prior to the Civil War and its growth in popularity in the years after the War.
7. Ice cream v. cake
8. Moby Dick is the greatest American novel ever written because of its style, structure, and characterization.
9. The alien abduction of high government officials.

## **HOW ABOUT GIVING IT A TRY?**

Below is a list of topics. Pick one or two of these and try to come up with a thesis using that topic. To do