**Name**

**Topic:**

**Comments**

**Thesis**

A thesis statement provides the conclusion that you draw about your argumentative topic. A thesis statement should be direct and specific. It needs to be proven and/or argued, and at its best, implies the organizational structure of the essay. For a proposal essay, you need to take a clear stance.

**Topic Statements**

Each paragraph has a statement that focuses it. Like a thesis statement, a topic statement needs to be proved with evidence—but within that paragraph. Your paragraph must be focused on proving its topic statement.

**Organization**

The essay is logically structured to help the reader understand the content and to persuade. The essay remains focused, and has a clear introduction and conclusion that frame the discussion of the essay. Consider what the *Concise Guide* says about “a line of reasoning.”

**Content**

The topic fits the assignment and is explored with originality and insight. The content shows a thorough understanding of the topic and depth of inquiry. The essay develops a clear proposal, incorporates reasons and evidence and evaluates them thoughtfully and without logical fallacies. The proposal essay takes into consideration the opposing perspective.

**Sentence Structure**

The essay uses standard conventions of written English including but not limited to clear, complete, and varied sentence structures; appropriate syntax (word order); and an appropriate, formal tone.

**Workshop Participation**

Process is central to this course. Writing workshop responsibilities mean that you have the correct number of drafts at the beginning of the hour and that you provide thoughtful feedback to the best of your ability during workshops.

**Final Grade**