

## Lecture 4: Revision

### Important Notes to remind:

#### What is a Thesis Statement?

A **thesis statement** is written to state the main purpose or argument of your writing. That means that your thesis statement will be supported through all of the body paragraphs that make up your essay.

- A thesis statement tells the reader the argument of your essay and how you will prove it in your writing.
- A thesis statement also often previews the structure of the rest of the essay in a way that corresponds with the body paragraphs
- It can also be an interpretation of a question or subject.
- The sentence that usually appears at the end of your introductory paragraph.

#### An effective thesis statement should:

- Take a stance.
- Be arguable.
- Be easily identifiable.
- Be clear and specific.

- Relevant to the topic or prompt.

The move from the thesis statement to the body is done by breaking down of the thesis statement into topic sentences.