TEST YOUR THESIS - A Pocket Style Manual by Diana Hacker and Nancy Sommers		
Name:		
First, write down your thesis. Then, read the four different criteria for a developing a thesis and answer yes or no. If you choose yes, explain and justify how your thesis fulfills that requirement. If you choose no, write how you will improve that part of your thesis statement.		
Thesis statement:		
1.	Make sure your thesis answers your research question and takes a position that needs to be argued and supported. Your thesis should not be a fact or a description. YES OR NO?	
2.	Keep the scope of your project in mind. If your thesis is too broad, explore a subtopic of your original topic. If your thesis is too narrow, ask a research question that has more than one answer. YES OR NO?	

3. Avoid vague words such as *interesting* or *good*. Use concrete language, and make sure your thesis is focused and lets readers know your position. YES OR NO?

4. Make sure your thesis stands up to the "So what?" test. Ask yourself why readers should be interested in your essay and should care about your thesis. YES OR NO?