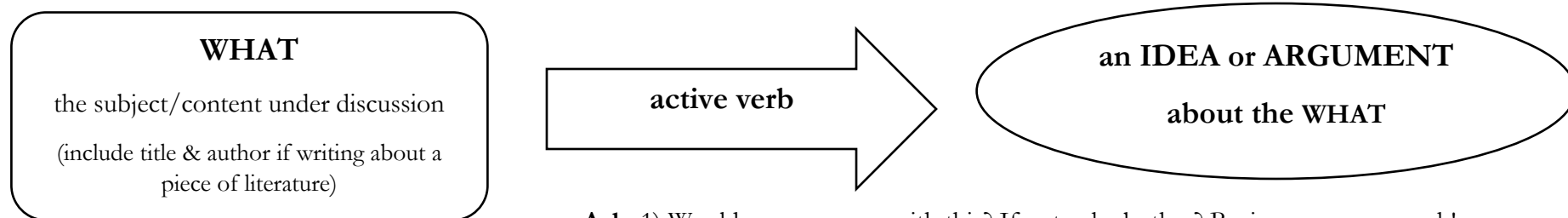


## How To Construct a THESIS STATEMENT



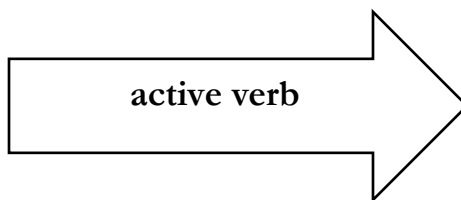
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 2) Can you prove this? You need at least three examples/pieces of evidence.

In <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> , Belle	demonstrates	the ability to judge people for their character rather than their appearance.
The sharecropping system	created	an unfair system of indebtedness and poverty that was almost impossible for people to escape.
In 2023, human-caused global warming	caused	the hottest recorded summer (June, July, and August) on Earth.
Andrea Warren's biography of Jack Mandelbaum, <i>Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps</i> ,	demonstrates	three essential elements of his character: 1) loyalty to his family and friends 2) willingness to take risks, and 3) ability to forgive his enemies.
Although much attention has been given to the Nazi death camps, Holocaust historians now	defend	research that indicates as many—maybe more—Jews were murdered by bullets east of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Line.
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## PRACTICE: Constructing a THESIS STATEMENT

**WHAT**

the subject/content under discussion  
(include title & author if writing about a piece of literature)



an **IDEA** or **ARGUMENT**  
about the **WHAT**

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