

Opinions

Yours are all wrong.



- 4 Paragraphs
- Paragraph 1: Analyze the Source AND Intro the topic / your opinion
- Paragraph 2: Your 1st argument (for something)
- Paragraph 3: Your 2nd argument (for something)
- Paragraph 4: Conclusion

Analyze the source:

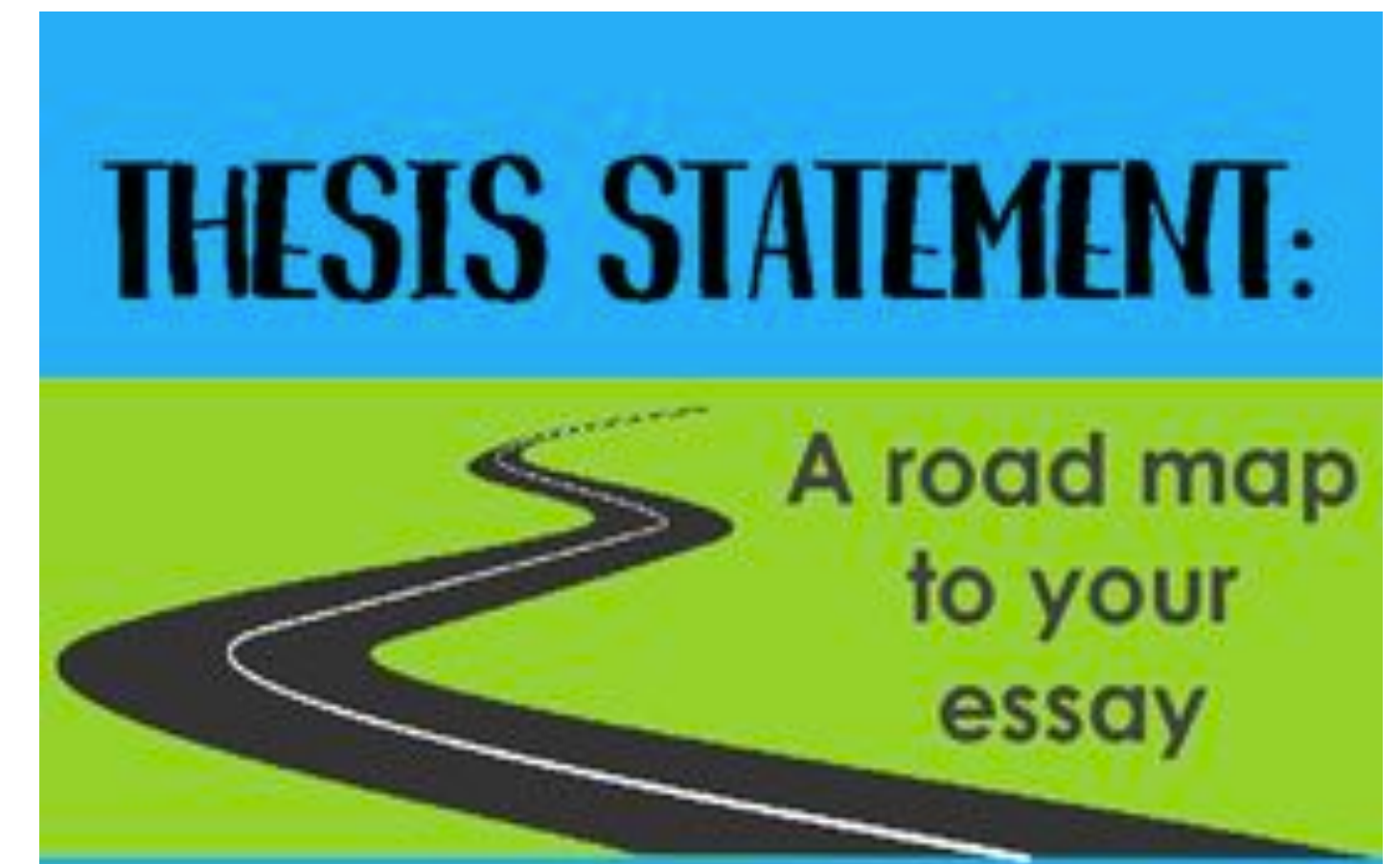
Pineapples belong on a pizza.

So your intro looks like:

The definition of a thesis statement is:
a short statement, usually one sentence, that summarizes the main point or claim of an essay, research paper, etc., and is developed, supported, and explained in the text by means of examples and evidence.

Usually follows the pattern of: Opinion is true because of 1 (paragraph 1) and 2 (paragraph 2).

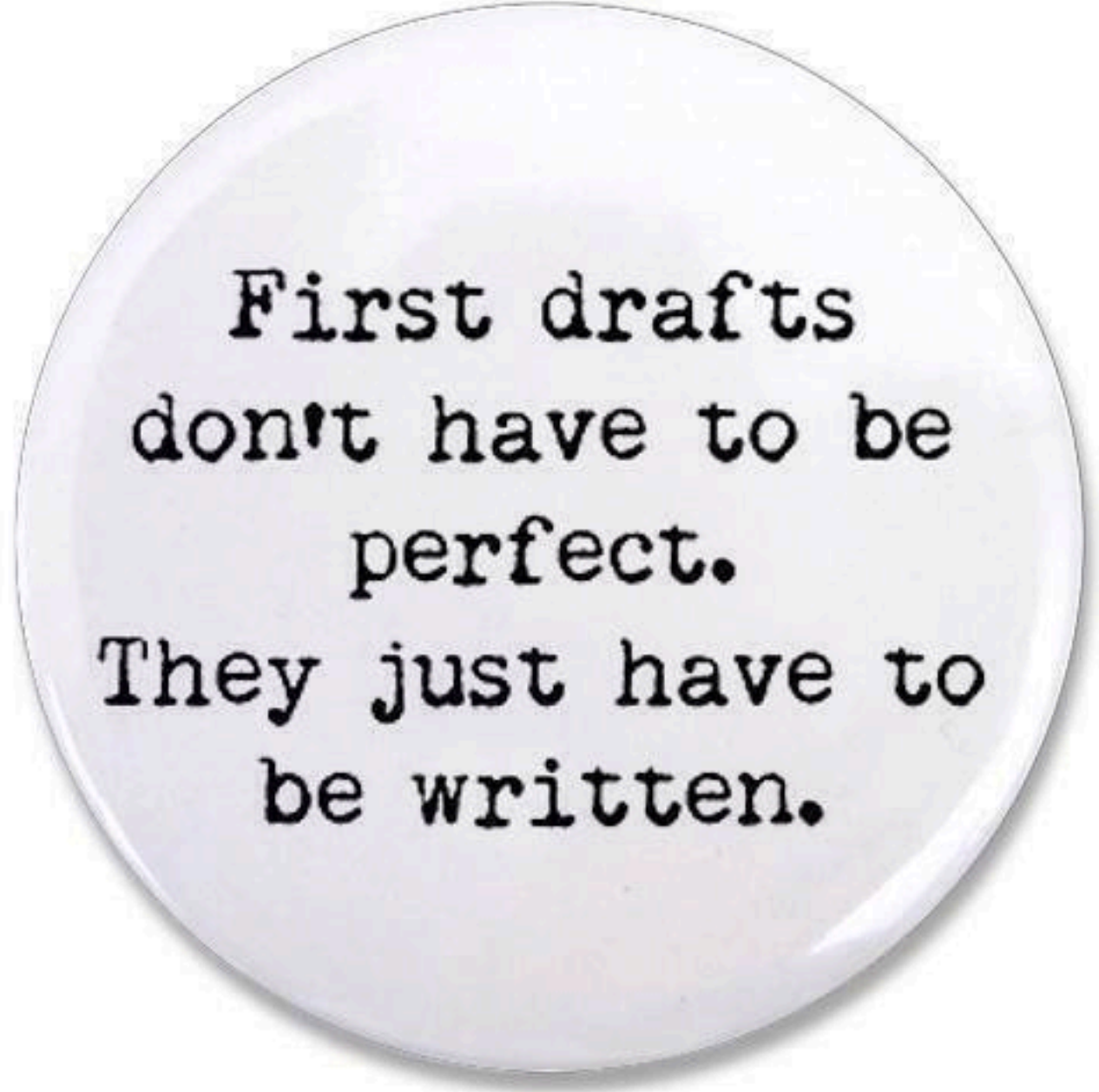
- Writing a thesis statement means writing a statement that you will prove BY writing your essay. It is as though you are providing your reader with a MAP to what you are writing about.
- The easiest way to do this is to start with an “I think that...” statement: (you’ll delete the I think later)



DO NOT THINK OF IT LIKE THIS:

**“So... do I write one paragraph where I
agree with
the speaker and then another where I
disagree?”**

- Directly respond to the question
- Have a thesis!
- Use key vocabulary correctly
- Use specific examples to support your answer
- Explain the significance of your answers
- Answer the question "so what?" or "why?"
- Use the word "because" in your thesis sentence



First drafts
don't have to be
perfect.
They just have to
be written.

Tips for writing **POSITION PAPERS**

- Never use “I think” or “In my opinion” (or we, or us)
 - Great for speaking, not for writing
- Believe what you say and say what you believe
- Avoid saying “very”, “really” or other filler words.
- Try to avoid asking questions of the reader
- Don't say YOU
- Use facts and examples whenever possible to backup your opinions
- Build your essay like a story, never start the show with a showstopper