View the Thesis Statement tutorial. Then evaluate each of the following theses. Does it have a **challenging** claim (C)? Does it offer **specific** support (S)?

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☐ ☐ The writings of these Puritans clearly show that they valued religion and not freedom.

☐ ☐ Though they wrote of “limited government” to protect their religion, the Puritans’ dark view of human nature and their hierarchical ideas about family made them no friends of freedom.

☐ ☐ Elizabeth Cady Stanton was truly a founding figure in the American women’s rights movement.

☐ ☐ Why, then, did this advocate of women’s rights put so much emphasis on the duties of wife and mother? I will answer this question by investigating themes of feminine morality and religion in Stanton’s writings.

☐ ☐ This essay will explain Stanton’s important contribution to women’s rights by closely reading and comparing three speeches she delivered in the mid-nineteenth century.

☐ ☐ Stanton advanced the women’s rights movement in three important ways: by linking it with abolitionism, by emphasizing religious activism, and by arguing for God-given equality.

☐ ☐ Stanton advanced women’s rights by channeling the religious idealism of the abolitionist movement into an argument for the God-given equality of women.