

A selection of thesis statements (from the second order questions)

1. The shortsighted actions of humanity will cripple our environment to the point of destruction, leaving only the pale facsimile of a virtual reality.
2. A hero's success is dependent on their creativity.
3. A hero's success depends on their journey.
4. A hero's success is dependent on the relationships they build.
5. In photography there is a reality so subtle that it becomes more real than reality. - Alfred Stieglitz [In the virtual world, there is a reality so subtle that it becomes more real than reality]
6. The medium is the message: OASIS teaches its users that the real world isn't worth living.
7. Virtual reality pales in comparison to the world.
8. We don't create a fantasy world to escape reality. We create it to be able to stay. - Lynda Barry
9. Reality TV to me is the museum of social decay. - Gary Oldman
10. Within the virtual world, our avatar can never be more than a reflection of our worst self.
11. Within the virtual world, our avatar can never be more than a reflection of our best self.
12. A flawed premise always leads to an inaccurate conclusion.
13. The artist's role is to convey the message and convince the viewer, thus all art is propaganda.
14. The rewriting of history enables the author to tell the truth they wish to share.
15. Interaction is necessary to assert value with any object.
16. Culture provides a fundamental understanding of who we are and allows us to see the truth that we want to see.
17. The ability to implement theoretical knowledge in the real world is a powerful weapon.
18. The ability to implement theoretical knowledge in the real world is a powerful tool.
19. Knowledge is information and wisdom is the application of it.
20. Knowledge is theoretical and wisdom is the practical application of it.
21. Knowing is not knowledge; knowledge is understanding. Anyone can find answers; but not everyone can understand them well enough to use them.
22. Masks are wonderfully paradoxical in this way: while they may hide the physical reality, they can show us how a person wants to be seen. - Joanna Scott
23. The camera makes everyone a tourist in other people's reality and eventually in one's own. - Susan Sontag.
24. Our everyday objects are personal expressions of ourselves.
25. The value and meaning of material objects is determined by their users; because they are the ones who create their value and meaning.
26. The world, the human world, is bound together not by protons and electrons, but by stories. Nothing has meaning in itself: all the objects in the world would be shards of mute blankness, spinning wildly out of orbit, if we didn't bring them together with stories. - Brian Morton