

## **UNSTATED ASSUMPTIONS**

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A) Identify the unstated assumption(s) in each thesis below.

B) Is this a good thesis? Why or why not? Is it a suitable enthymeme?

1. Art is a fundamental part of any vital, productive, and free-thinking society.  
Therefore, for the sake of the country, we must increase funding to the National Endowment of the Arts.
  
2. Smoking should be outlawed because it poses a risk to the public health.
  
3. Television should be outlawed because it poses a risk to the public health.
  
4. The theory of evolution should not be taught in schools because it contradicts a literal reading of the Bible.
  
5. The theory of evolution should be taught in schools because it is a valid scientific theory.
  
6. The internet has a tremendous influence on society because it dictates what we do and think.
  
7. New gun control laws are unnecessary because some criminals will always be able to purchase guns illegally.