

Hook - attention/interest grabber

Thematic statement - general statement on the topic that most people would agree with

Thematic statement 2 (if needed) -

Thesis Statement - What is being argued / ideas presented in the essay

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Hook: It's hard to believe how bad some parents are at parenting!

Thematic statements: Most people know how important parents are to children, and most of us understand what it feels like to have someone let us down. It is a terrible feeling to be wondering if we will be encouraged, supported, or even picked up from practice.

Thesis': In the memoir, *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls, Jeannette's father is clearly a bad parent. Rex Walls is not just a bad parent; he is irresponsible, dangerous, and a poor provider.