Writing literary thesis statements practice

Part 1- Fix the problems in the following thesis statements by eliminating their weaknesses using your handouts.

1. Students have developed a variety of techniques to conceal inadequate study from their instructors and they often get away with it.
2. There are many different types of students in college today.
3. The music business is pretty complicated.
4. Smoking damages the body.
5. Teenagers should not get married.
6. In today’s society, child abuse is an awful thing.
7. Violence on television can be harmful to children.
8. Going to college prepares a person for the future and it is increasingly expensive.
9. Teachers have influenced my life.
10. The government has the right to limit free speech.
11. There are many advantages and disadvantages to marijuana legalization.
12. In his article Stanley Fish shows that we don't really have the right to free speech.
13. More attention should be paid to the environment kids grow up in.
14. There are many positive and negative aspects to the Banana Herb Tea Supplement.
15. **World hunger has many causes and** **effects.**

Part 2- Develop a good literary thesis statement for 5 of the following topics using a story, novel, or play you are familiar with. You can use the same topic more than once if it is for a different literary work.

1. Theme
2. Character Development
3. Use of figurative language
4. Use of setting
5. Symbolism
6. Human nature
7. Morality
8. Good vs Evil
9. Suffering and loss
10. Personal triumph
11. Prejudice
12. Greed
13. Social Injustice
14. Survival
15. Strength of the human spirit