

Example Thesis Statement:

Bertrand Russell is known for his work on the foundations of mathematics, epistemology (the study of knowledge) and logic. However, he also had views on the nature of time and space. He was influenced by Einstein's theory of relativity, and also by his teacher and co-author A. N. Whitehead. An early argument of Russell's established that if time was to be relational, then events must be the primary occupants of the time series. This argument is relevant to space because it led him to adopt a thoroughgoing event ontology for a relational theory of relativistic space-time, which he sketched in *The Analysis of Matter* (1927). Hans Reichenbach opposed this view, proposing that events could be analyzed in terms of persisting particles and a relation of "genidentity" that connected successive events together.