



Introduction Paragraph

The purpose of an introduction paragraph is to prepare your reader for the information they are about to be given in your essay. Your introduction paragraph should capture the reader's attention.

Vocabulary

 Hook	The first sentence of the essay used to capture the reader's attention.
 Bridge	An on topic detail sentence that leads to your thesis.
Thesis	An explicit response to the prompt that introduces the body paragraph or paragraphs.

Example Introduction Paragraph

Hook { Did you know that sixty percent of Americans don't know how to properly write an essay? This is because many Americans probably do not know the proper components to an essay.

Bridge {

Thesis { There are three components a person must know in order to write an effective essay.

Types of Hooks

Interrogative	Imperative	Informative
<i>A question used to grab attention.</i>	<i>A command used to draw your reader in.</i>	<i>An interesting quote to intrigue your reader.</i>
Did you know...? Have you ever wondered...? Can you believe...?	Think about... Imagine... Consider...	Your quote must come from research and be interesting.

Types of Bridges

Responding	Explaining	Describing
<i>A bridge that answers the hook.</i>	<i>A bridge that gives an example to help explain a bridge.</i>	<i>A bridge that gives a detail to help describe the hook.</i>

Qualities of Thesis Statements

On-Topic	Broad	Well Worded
<i>Thesis must respond to EXACTLY what the prompt is asking for.</i>	<i>Thesis must not contain any details. No <u>because</u> or <u>so</u>.</i>	<i>Thesis must sound good, like a person speaking. Carefully word it.</i>