

# **Essay (Introductory Paragraph)**

# 3 Steps to Write your Introduction

## Step 1. Hook

- An opening statement is called a “**hook**” , and it should grab your reader’s attention.
- Do not use key words of your topic in the reader’s hook, use synonyms instead.

You can:

- a) **Begin with a surprising fact or Statistic/ use a quotation**
- b) **Ask a question**
- c) **Tell a story/ Anecdote**

## **Step 2. Lead in Sentences**

- Briefly explain in 2 sentences.
- This is like a strong connection between your hook and thesis statement.
- We can also call it background information because it provides some relevant information that what you are going to explain further in the essay.

## Step 3. Thesis Statement

- Thesis Statement basically states the specific topic of your essay.
- End your introduction with a strong thesis statement, it will tell your readers what you are going to prove them about your topic.
- End with a thesis statement that provides a clear idea about your topic and gives your perspective or opinion on the topic, with 3 points or 3 reasons.
- **Specific topic + Perspective/Opinion+ 3 Points= Thesis Statement**

# **Hooks**

- **3 Hooks**

- **Question**
- **Interesting Fact**
- **Anecdote**

**What is a hook ?**

- **The opening line of your introduction, should grab your reader's attention and make him/ her to continue reading your essay.**

# Question

- Begin your introduction with a question when you want to provoke your reader to think or respond.
- Question will force your reader to interact with you.

## **Examples:**

- **Have you ever wanted to be in charge of your own education ?**
- **Where can one find the most magical place on earth ?**
- **Do you think that news channels fabricate the information to display a spiced up headline by layering it with things that not a single person witnessed or came across?**

# Interesting Fact

- This is an interesting piece of information that your readers may don't know.
- Interesting information will support your opinion in the essay, so be sure that it is accurate.
- It is a statement that will make your readers say “really”

Examples:

- **There were 1.1 million homeschool students in the Pakistan in 2005 according to the National Center for education statistics.**
- **Currently the Walt Disney Company is worth over \$130 billion (Robinson, 2020).**

# Anecdote

- An anecdote is a short story, it can be story about your experience or someone else's experience.
- It must be very quick and to the point, few sentences long with a complete sense.

Example:

- One evening my brother Ali who just got his car last week, was driving me to school. Ali's cellphone started beeping and he started checking his text messages while eating sandwiches and nearly driving off the road in the process...
- Aleazy is a home school student who got to do the best activities to study science. She went to the space and air museum, built a rocket and interviewed a pilot. She loves to be in home school.
- Essay Prompt (Home School Education)



# Transitional Words to connect body paragraphs

Generally speaking	In the first place	To begin with	To be sure
Moreover	Earlier	First of all	The next step
However	For now	Therefore	Once and for all
First... second... third...	To put it differently	Foundationally	In addition
Basically	Furthermore	Besides	In the meantime