**Revising an essay introduction**

 **First draft**

First sentence not engaging

It is a really good idea to learn to play a musical instrument. I have been trying to learn guitar for a few years now. Playing music will be one of the best moves you ever make.

Purpose for writing should be more clear

Background information too personal

Thesis statement -- opinion but no plan for development



**Revised draft**

Introductory sentence is engaging. It creates a picture of what you hope to share.

Imagine yourself surrounded by friends, playing the musical instrument of your choice, and leading an energetic sing-along. Learning to play a musical instrument may require a commitment of time, energy, and money, but the end result will guarantee numerous benefits for you. Learning to read music, sing, and play an instrument encourages you to entertain friends and family, improves your ability to focus on a task, and provides a relief from the hectic day-to-day responsibilities.

Your purpose is clear and the thesis statement lists ideas in order of importance.

The thesis statement tells the reader why you believe learning to play an instrument is a good idea.

Background information lets the reader know what goes into learning a musical instrument.