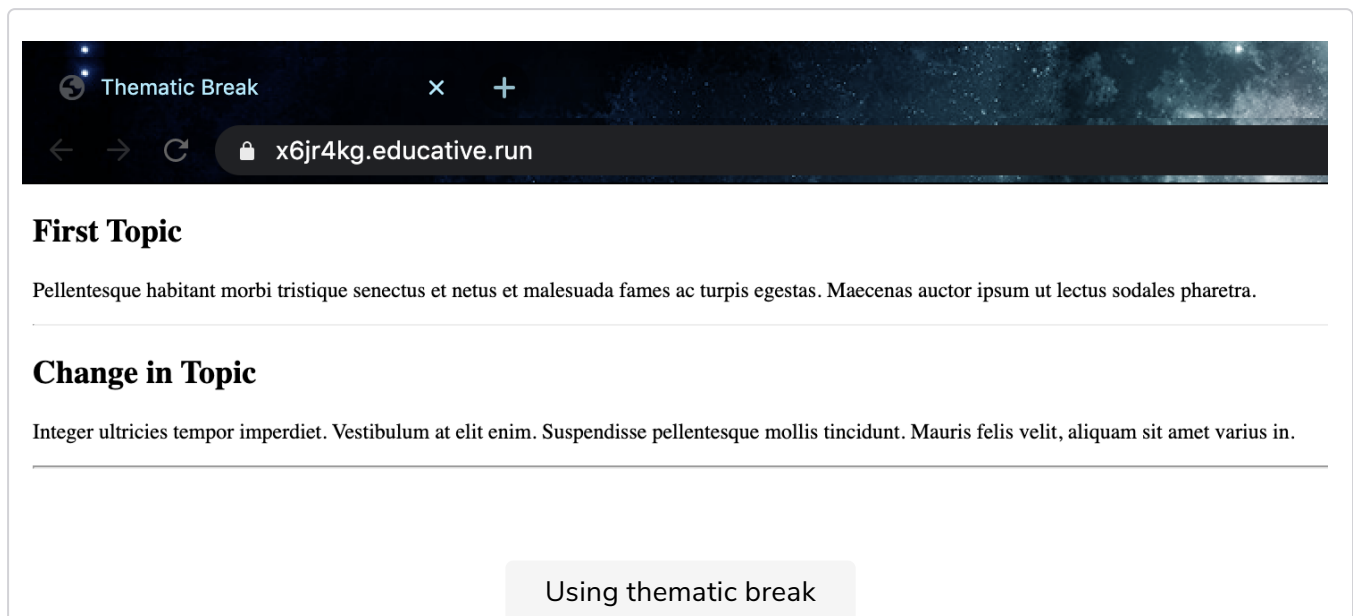# Thematic Breaks

In this lesson, we will learn to add thematic breaks in HTML.

The `<hr>` tag defines a thematic break that is used to separate content on a web page. Although originally in HTML 4.01 it was defined as a simple visual element (horizontal rule), HTML5 defines it as a semantic term. Listing 5-2 shows an example of applying the `<hr>` tag.

Listing 5-2: Adding thematic breaks

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Thematic Break</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h2>First Topic</h2>
  <p>
    Pellentesque habitant morbi tristique
    senectus et netus et malesuada fames
    ac turpis egestas. Maecenas auctor
    ipsum ut lectus sodales pharetra.
  </p>
  <hr />
  <h2>Change in Topic</h2>
  <p>
    Integer ultricies tempor imperdiet.
    Vestibulum at elit enim. Suspendisse
    pellentesque mollis tincidunt. Mauris
    felis velit, aliquam sit amet varius in.
  </p>
  <hr />
</body>
</html>
```

The `<hr>` tag is represented as a horizontal line, as shown in the image below:

First Topic

Pellentesque habitant morbi tristique senectus et netus et malesuada fames ac turpis egestas. Maecenas auctor ipsum ut lectus sodales pharetra.

Change in Topic

Integer ultricies tempor imperdiet. Vestibulum at elit enim. Suspendisse pellentesque mollis tincidunt. Mauris felis velit, aliquam sit amet varius in.

Using thematic break

In the *next lesson,* we will look at how to add quotes in HTML.