

Writing Introduction Paragraph

Every essay has three parts: a beginning, a middle, and an end. The beginning of an essay is also called an **introduction paragraph**. The introduction paragraph has two main purposes: to draw or hook the reader's attention and make him/her want to keep reading; it also provides the structure for the rest of the essay. The introduction usually has three parts -

- 1) The **hook (dramatic opener)** is the first one-two sentences that pull the reader into the essay.
- 2) The **transitional sentence** connects the hook to the thesis statement.
- 3) The **thesis statement** is one or two sentences that state the main idea of the essay.

Directions: Choose one of the topics from the list below to write an introductory paragraph of an informative/explanatory essay.

Informative/Explanatory Essay Topics

Explain the difference between a wild animal's life and a pet's life.

Imagine your aunt bought you a goldfish on your birthday. Explain how you would take care of it.

Explain how to play your favorite game or sport.

Topic : _____

Hook Statement: _____

Transitional Sentence: _____

Thesis Statement: _____
