

## A Guide to Writing Your Thesis Statement and Introduction Paragraph

In order to compose your introduction, consider each of the following:

1. Is there anything that you found about your topic that might touch the emotions of your reader (ie: Is there anything about your topic that would make someone angry? Happy? Upset? Motivated?). If so, what is that thing?
2. Can you think of any fact that you read that is startling? (IE: Did you find a statistic that would shock your reader, like 1 in 2 people purchases a puppy just for making fur coats...or something like that...)
3. How is your topic relevant to people's lives today? OR How does that interesting/shocking fact relate to your topic?
4. In one sentence, explain what your paper is about. (IE: It is wrong to experiment on animals; There should be regulations that inhibit minors from using tanning salons; The sale of human organs should be allowed; Genetically modified foods are safe and should be distributed without regulation; etc.)
5. What is the first topic you will plan to discuss in your paper?
6. How does this topic relate to your overall main idea?

### Introduction Paragraph:

Grabber/Hook (Use either #1 or #2 from the front side of this page.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Transition from grabber to thesis sentence (Use # 3 from the front side of this paper.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Thesis Sentence (Use the sentence you constructed from #4 on the front of this page.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Transition from Thesis into the remainder of the essay (Use #5 or #6 from the front of this paper): \_\_\_\_\_

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