

Outlines

Informative Writing

Forming an Introduction

Hook: Grab your reader's attention.

Background Info: What is the topic at hand? What do we need to know about this topic before reading?

Thesis: Copy and paste the thesis we developed on your essay planner.

Overview (optional): Give readers a sneak peek. What can they expect to read about in your paper?

Writing a Stellar Hook

Ask yourself:

- Who is my audience?
- How do I want my audience to feel?

Attention Grabbers:

- Provide a story.
- Reveal a startling fact.
- Give an inspirational quote.

TIP: Even though your hook is your very first sentence, it's a good idea to write it last. This way, you can better capture the tone and purpose of your essay.

Building Body Paragraphs

Topic: What is the focus of this detail?

Lib: Do you need to explain it further before providing evidence?

Evidence: Don't forget to introduce your evidence with explanatory words!

Explanation: Explain the evidence. How does it support your argument?

Transition: Provide a link between the past and coming evidence.

Evidence: "According to..."

Explanation: "This evidence shows..."

Restate: Restate your focus with the evidence in mind.

Transition: Lead readers into your next detail.

Concluding Your Argument

Reword Thesis: Reiterate your thesis, but do not simply copy and paste it.

Summarize: What were your main points?

Relate to Intro: Bring your essay full-circle and relate it back to the hook or your title.