

# Introductions & Conclusions

Argument Writing

# Forming an Introduction

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**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 previously.

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

# Writing a Stellar Hook

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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:** It's a good idea to write this last. This way, you can better capture the tone and purpose of your essay.

# Example Introduction

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**Overview (optional):** Not only can medical marijuana benefit children with epilepsy like Millie, but it can also treat certain mental health disorders and alleviate side effects of chemotherapy for cancer patients.

# Concluding Your Argument

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

**Summarize:** What were your main points?

**Solution:** What could we do to fix this problem?

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

# Example Conclusion

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Regardless of who you are or where you live, everyone should have the option to use medical marijuana if it has the potential to improve their mental and/or physical condition. Epilepsy, mental health, and cancer treatment are only a few on a long list of uses for medicinal hemp. By legalizing this product, we can treat individuals with these circumstances more effectively and safely. Without medical marijuana, Millie wouldn't have lived to see a year, but today her parents rejoice a 75-90% reduction in seizures and look forward to possibilities they never thought Millie would have. Medical marijuana saved Millie and can do the same for many more.

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