

Outlines

Argument Writing

Forming an Introduction

Hook: Grab your reader's attention.

Background Info: What is the issue at hand? Who cares? Where is this issue prevalent? Why is it important?

Thesis: Copy and paste the thesis statement I approved yesterday.

Overview (optional): Give readers a sneak peek. What reasons will you be supplying to support your argument?

Writing a Stellar Hook

Ask yourself:

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

Attention Grabbers:

- Provide an anecdote.
- 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 your reason?

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 reason with the evidence in mind.

Transition: Lead readers into your next reason.

Addressing the Opposing View

Opposing View: What does the other side believe?

Refutation: Why are they wrong?

Evidence: How can you prove this?

Explain: How does your evidence support your argument?

Concluding Your Argument

Restate Issue: What is the problem?

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

Solution: Make suggestions for how we should proceed as far as your issue is concerned.

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