

How to Write an Essay Introduction

Introduction

- Grab the reader's interest
- Bring in the general topic for the paper
- State the thesis—the specific point of the essay

Why should anyone want to read your paper? That is exactly what you should make clear in the introduction of your paper.

First, get the reader interested in the paper by using a grabber, such as a relevant quote, a personal anecdote, an amazing statistic, or a provocative statement.

Example: Some believe that if work place safety preserves just one human life, it is worth it, but others disagree.

Second, now that you have the reader's attention, state your general topic.

Example: One of the most important aspects on the job is work safety, but is the cost and the effort proportional to the return?

Third, state your thesis or the specific point of your paper. The thesis tells the reader what to expect from the rest of the paper.

Example: Safe working environments are actually more profitable to the employer in the long run than unsafe ones.

Now, observe how the three parts go together to form an introduction.

If it saves just one human life, it is worth it! One of the most important aspects on the job is work safety, but is the cost and the effort proportional to the return? Safe working environments are actually more profitable to the employer in the long run than unsafe ones.