

Introductions

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- 1) Attention Grabber:** This is the first sentence of an essay; it grabs the reader's attention using a fact or an interesting or thought provoking statement. Questions should not be used!
- 2) Personal Anecdote:** This provides the reader with a personal story from you that is related to the topic. It will help the reader relate/connect to the topic. Basically, you are going to tell the reader a personal connection that you have to the topic.
- 3) Background Information:** This section of the introduction consists of 2-4 sentences, and it provides readers with information that they need to know before reading the essay.
- 4) Thesis Statement:** You have already written your thesis. It is the last sentence of your introduction.

Introduction

Attention grabber: _____

Personal Anecdote: _____

Background Information: _____

Thesis: _____

Conclusion

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- 1) Thesis Reworded:** The conclusion should start with the thesis reworded. This means that the thesis is simply written in a different way so that the essay is not repetitive. But, be careful; keep the topics in the same order!
- 2) Summary of Main Points:** Again, to make sure that the reader clearly understands the purpose of the essay, it is always a good idea to summarize the main points in 2-4 sentences.
- 3) Revisit Personal Anecdote:** Remind the reader about your anecdote and compare it to some of the topics you discussed in your essay.
- 4) Connection to the Reader:** This is your last chance to hammer your point home. Make readers understand why the essay they just read is important to their lives. The connection should be broad and general, and it should relate to your readers' lives.

Conclusion

Reworded Thesis: _____

Summary: _____

Revisit Anecdote: _____

Connection: _____
