

How to Write a Great Introductory Sentence

Writing your introductions

Directions: A good introduction does more than just introduce the thesis, or main idea of the research paper. It should grab the reader's attention and draw them into your story. There are many ways to begin: a quotation, a statement or fact, a question or even a short story. You will practice writing each one and then decide (with the help of your peers) which is the best way to begin your research report.

1. Write a quotation from your researched information:

2. Tell a statement or fact about your topic:

3. Ask a question that you hope will interest your readers:

4. Share a short story or connection to the topic that gets your reader's interest:

5. Now ask three peers to read your interesting beginning sentences and to vote for the one they feel is the best! _____