

Complete the steps below to practice creating an introductory paragraph. Look at your notes for help!

1. Choose a topic.

Examples: school, friends, violence, abortion, war, family, pets

2. Create a thesis (your argument)

Examples: School is important; There is too much violence in movies; Pets make life better

**3. Create Topic Sentences (Three sentences that you will use to *expand* into body paragraphs).
Each Topic Sentence shows WHY or HOW your thesis is true**

Examples: School is important because...

- i. You need to learn to be successful in life
- ii. It helps you become more mature
- iii. You meet new people

*****REMEMBER: Each one of your TOPIC SENTENCES will be developed into paragraphs so choose good ones that you are able to talk about!*****

4. Create a Final Sentence/Hook (Something to make the reader want to continue reading)

Example: Therefore, it is important to go to school unless you want to be told what to do by everyone else without ever thinking.

5. Put it all together into a clear paragraph

Example: Thesis + 3 Topic Sentences + Final Sentence = Introductory Paragraph

So: Your job is to create a paragraph with your own topic, your own topic sentences and your own final sentence/hook. I want to see the following:

- An outline with these three sections brainstorming your ideas
- The completed paragraph below
- Edit your work for spelling and grammar!