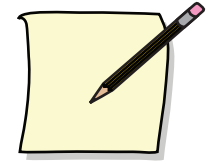


Argument Writing: The Introductory Paragraph



Use this sheet to help you plan the introductory paragraph for your argument essay. Be sure to have the other prewriting that you have completed on hand so that you can plug in the reasons and claim from the work you have already done. When you have completed this page, you will be ready to write your introductory paragraph. You may add in an additional sentence or two so that the ideas flow smoothly from one to the next. TIP: Have a list of transition words handy while you are writing. You can find lists online or the Transition Word Bank resource on Education.com.

Part of Intro Paragraph	Description	Write Yours Here
Hook	The HOOK is usually first 1-3 sentences of the introductory paragraph. It grabs the reader's attention and entices them to read on.	
Reason #1	This is the first REASON that you will use to support your claim during the essay.	
Reason #2	This is the second REASON that you will use to support your claim during the essay.	
Reason #3	This is the third REASON that you will use to support your claim during the essay.	
Claim	This is the statement or CLAIM that you are making in your essay. All of your reasons support this claim. This will be the last sentence in your introductory paragraph.	

