

# Three Sentence Introductions

You can create a good introduction simply by using three important sentences:

- **the hook**
- **the thesis statement**
- **the plan sentence**

# The Hook

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- The very first sentence in the essay.
- A good one creates a lasting impression with the reader. Most importantly though, a hook keeps the reader reading.

A hook is like decorating the topic. It can turn an average intro an incredible one.

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The biggest mistake you can make when writing a hook is using general statements.

## Bad Hooks:

- Hello, my name is Tim and today I am going to write about...

# Thesis Statement

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- Used for essay writing when the writer expresses an opinion, takes a position, or makes an argument. **It must be an arguable statement.**
- Answers the question: **What am I trying to prove?**
- There are many different ways to write a thesis statement.

# Find the Thesis Statements

The sky is blue.

The sky is bluest in the summer.

School would be less boring if we had more time in the gym.

For middle school students, school is boring.



# The Plan Sentence

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- Tells the reader the three big ideas the writer is going to write about by just giving a glimpse of the key ideas.

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# Activity:

1. Watch the video [Water Walkers](#)
2. Complete the following planning sentence:

After watching the Water Walkers video in LA class, I realized that basilisk lizards are fascinating animals. This creature is amazing because of its \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

# 3 Sentence Introductions Review

## 1. Hook sentence

- Interesting statement about the castaway

## 2. Thesis statement

- Your opinion whether the book and movie are similar or different

## 3. Plan sentence

- Your 3 main reasons why the book and movie are similar or different which will make up the body of your essay