

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...
- Volunteering after school is a way to learn responsibility...

Thesis Statement

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- Used for essay writing to give the reader an idea of what the essay is about.
- There are many different ways to write a thesis statement.

More Thesis Statements

The Cellphone Dilemma

Are cellphones the things destroying our generation? Do they keep our peers up at night? Cellphone ownership should be banned for all children under the age of ten. Cellphones can cause sleep deprivation, can be harmful to your health, and they require a great deal of maturity to be used responsibly.

More Thesis Statements

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The Plan Sentence

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

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Stated Plan Sentence:

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3 Sentence Introductions Review

1. Hook sentence

- decoration

2. Thesis statement

- your position, argument, opinion

3. Plan sentence

- Your 3 main ideas which will make up the body