

Introduction worksheet

First sentence: The Hook. Say something interesting, pose a question; get the reader's attention!

Following sentence: introduction of the author and the title of the work at hand.

Next 2 or 3 sentences: brief synopsis of plot, or background information, *as it relates to your overall point*.

Next sentence: focusing statement. Transition between your plot synopsis and your thesis statement; prepare the reader for the thesis to follow.

Last sentence of introductory paragraph: Thesis statement. Should **not** be a plot point or summary.

Ask yourself: does the thesis describe something that happens in the plot? If so, try again. Does the thesis convey an interpretation? If so, is there adequate evidence to support your thesis?
