

Core A Comp & Lit | Introduction Assignment

This week we will practice writing an introduction for our first essay. Remember that an introduction is your chance to make a first impression on your reader. In this paragraph you will first get their attention, then introduce your topic and give background information that leads into your thesis. Finally, you will present an organized argument (your thesis) as the last sentence of the paragraph.

As a reminder, your introduction paragraph should:

- Be typed, using standard MLA formatting
- Introduction should have a “creative hook” that related to the thesis, using one of the 7 methods discussed in class
 - ✓ Ask a Question
 - ✓ Show a Benefit
 - ✓ Startling/Humorous Statement
 - ✓ Narrative Story
 - ✓ Dialogue
 - ✓ Quotation
- Follow the appropriate structure (see outline)
- Should NOT include evidence
- Contain strong verbs, purposeful adjectives, and expressive language
- Use transitions between sentences when appropriate
- Limited use of “be” verbs (no more than 2 per paragraph, including helping verbs)
- No personal pronouns (I, me, my, you, your, etc.)
- No contractions
- Proper grammar and punctuation

I have proofread my student’s work and given the appropriate feedback for potential revisions.

Parent signature

Date

Name: _____

Type of essay: _____

Introduction

(5-6 sentences when written)

A. Creative Hook: Choose between funnel, asking a question, showing a benefit, humorous/startling statement, quotation, dialogue, or a story

Creative Hook Idea: _____

B. Background details: What is important to share in order to introduce my topic? This should be at least 2-3 sentences

Possible Background Details: _____

C. Thesis Statement: What type of thesis am I using – Informative (Expository), Descriptive (Narrative), or Persuasive?

Thesis Statement: _____
