

# Writing an Introductory Paragraph

1. **Hook the reader:** You can hook the reader in several ways. Choose one that works for you:
  - a. Opening with an unusual detail
  - b. Opening with a strong statement:
  - c. Opening with a Quotation:
  - d. Opening with a Statistic or Outrageous Fact
2. **Present key ideas of your essay** (to meet standards, you could simply rewrite your topic sentences).
3. **Thesis/Claim:** This is a sentence that sums up your position or argument.

**Hook + Key Ideas + Thesis Statement = Introductory Paragraph**

# Writing a Concluding Paragraph

1. Restate your thesis (try to do this in different words)
2. Summarize your key points of your viewpoint. For meeting standards, this could be restating your topic sentences.
3. Call to action! This is where you leave the reader with an interesting final impression.  
\*Do not introduce new information in the introduction.