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# Introduction Paragraph

*Directions: Write a hook sentence, connecting sentence, and a thesis statement in the middle boxes.  
\*Use the information and tips to help you.*

**Hook:** \_\_\_\_\_

Grabs the reader's attention

Statistic

Question

Quotation

Fact

Introduce the topic of your paper, but don't mention your opinion yet.

**1-3 sentences**

**Connecting sentences:**

Connects a broad hook to a specific thesis

**Thesis:**

What the whole essay is about, the side being argued and what the three main body paragraphs are about

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**Thesis Tip:**

• Ask yourself:

- What topic am I writing about?
- Which side am I on?

- What are the topics of my 3 main body paragraphs?

*Example:* Dogs are better than cats because they never hold grudges, they protect you, and they help people with disabilities.