



# Introductions/Conclusions

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**Definition:** An introduction is the first paragraph (or several paragraphs) of your essay. The conclusion is the last paragraph (or several paragraphs) of your essay.

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## **Introduction:**

The introduction is made up of three parts:

1. **Hook - (1-2 sentences)** The hook is an interesting fact, quote, or statement that hooks the reader in, causing them to be interested in your essay.
2. **Bridge - (3-4 sentences)** This is where you include any background information necessary for your reader to understand the topics/themes you will cover in the essay.
3. **Thesis - (1-2 sentences)** This is the main point of your essay. If you had to sum up the main message of your essay into a single sentence or two, then that is your thesis.

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Hook - \_\_\_\_\_

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Bridge - \_\_\_\_\_

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Thesis - \_\_\_\_\_

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## Conclusion:

The introduction is made up of three parts:

1. **Restate Thesis - (1-2 sentences)** Restate but also reword your thesis from the introduction to remind the reader of your overall main point in your essay.
2. **Summary - (3-4 sentences)** Summarize the main points that appeared throughout the body of your essay.
3. **Final Thought - (1-2 sentences)** Finish strong! One great way to provide a final thought is a look to the future or discuss the impact of the topic of your essay.

Restate Thesis - \_\_\_\_\_

Summary - \_\_\_\_\_

Final Thought - \_\_\_\_\_