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## Introductory Paragraph

### **Important rules:**

First impressions are so important. How many times have you heard that? It is true that the first impression—whether it's a first meeting with a person or the first sentence of a paper—creates a lasting opinion. **Your first impression in your essay is your \_\_\_\_\_.** Make it great so the reader starts with a good opinion of your essay.

The **introductory paragraph** of any paper, long or short, should start with a sentence that grabs the interest of your readers. This is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

Next in your **introductory paragraph**, come three or four sentences to explain your hook and build up to your thesis statement.

The last sentence in your **introductory paragraph** is your \_\_\_\_\_, which states what your essay will prove.

### **Now, write your introductory paragraph:**

#### **1. Even though it comes last, ALWAYS start with the thesis**

Write your thesis here:

#### **2. Hook**

In your first sentence of your introductory paragraph, make sure to write the name of the book, the author, and one interesting fact about the idea of the “mockingbird” in *TKAM*. Write your hook here:

#### **3. 3-4 Sentences**

Explain more about your hook (1 sentence). Then define and explain the metaphor of the “mockingbird” in *TKAM* (2 or 3 sentences). Pretend your reader has read the book, but it's been a while. Write these sentences here:

**4. Now, on a digital document, put them in the correct order (first the hook, then 3-4 sentences, and last the thesis)**

**CONGRATULATIONS! You just wrote your introductory paragraph! Good work!**