



Introductions

Explanatory Writing



Goals

Learning Target: I can write an effective introduction paragraph for my essay.

Success Criteria: I will include all of the pieces of an effective introduction in my paragraph. I will NOT include the pieces of an ineffective introduction.



Essential Question

How do I write an effective introduction paragraph?



Ineffective Introduction

The disease I am going to talk about is diabetes. Diabetes is bad. It hurts your body. Now I am going to talk about the symptoms.



Effective Introduction

Hook - Gets your reader's attention

Types of hooks:

Question

Interesting fact

Statistic



Effective Introduction

Introduce the organization of paper. This means the order of the paragraphs.

Be intentional with how you order your paragraphs.



Effective Introduction

Transition - Introducing the first body paragraph

Sentence stems:

The most important thing to consider about this disease is...

The first thing to know about this disease is...



Example

In 2015, 30.3 million Americans were diagnosed with diabetes (“Statistics about Diabetes”). With how common this disease is, it is important for all of us to learn about the disease and risks it presents. To better understand the disease, one should consider the causes of the disease, the symptoms, and the impact it has had on our society. The first thing to consider is what causes the disease.