

MURPHY BI-WEEKLY WRITING TIP

Introduction (Guidance Questions)

Dear Murphy Students:

It is mid-November, which means December is around the corner. That means final papers. We have several tips available on the blog (linked to the left) that can help you as you write your papers, but this week we will return to the topic of *introducing* them.

Outline & Guidance Questions

We have already suggested *one* outline for your introductions, but this week I will offer you another *similar* outline (with guidance questions) to help you draft them thoroughly

Guidance Questions for your Introduction Paragraph (or section!)

Hook

Do you have an anecdote (a brief story), a “fun fact”, a quote (by a researcher in the field or theorist)? Or, another interesting but related way to begin?

Context & Background

What is your topic? what brief history should we know?
What people / theorists (if any) should we know? what theories or ideas?

The Purpose / Question / Significance

What problem are you addressing? What main question will you try to answer?
Why is it *important* to address? What do we gain by answering the question?

Thesis

What is the main argument of your paper?
What will you specifically try to answer, prove, or show?

Different assignments will ask you to write different *kinds* of introductions – but most will ask for this information *somewhere*. So, when you draft, aim to answer these questions first.

If you want more information on each part (Hook, Significance, and Thesis), you can visit the blog and review our earlier tips on those topics!

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