

Argumentative Essay: Introduction

Your introduction is the first thing your reader will see – so it must be attention-grabbing yet informative! Like any paragraph your intro should be at least 4-6 complete sentences. Your introduction needs to include the following **3** parts:

3 Parts of an Introduction

1. Hook
2. Background Information
3. Thesis Statement

Hook

The hook is the first line (or lines!) of your essay – it should **“hook”** your reader!

To get you started...

- dialogue (speaking)
- internal monologue (thinking)
- sound words (BANG!)
- string of adjectives
- scary, exciting, or intense moment
- riddle or question to ponder
- question, or string of questions
- simile or metaphor
- strong feelings or emotions
- list or repetitive phrase

Background Information

The background information is a short description of your topic. In this section, you should include any information that your reader needs to understand your topic. For example, you may need to define unfamiliar terms.

Example: Despite popular belief, year-round school does not mean that students will go to school all year without break. With year-round school, instead of a long break during the summer months, students will have shorter breaks spread throughout the year.

Thesis Statement

Your thesis statement identifies the focus of your essay. Think of it as a road map – it shows where your essay is going!

Subject + Opinion + Supporting Reasons

Subject: The topic of your essay

Example: Sneaking food into the movies

Opinion: What you think about the topic (your claim!)

Example: Customers should be allowed to sneak food into the movies

Supporting Reasons: 3 reasons that support your opinion

Note: You will expand on these 3 reasons in the body paragraphs of your essay

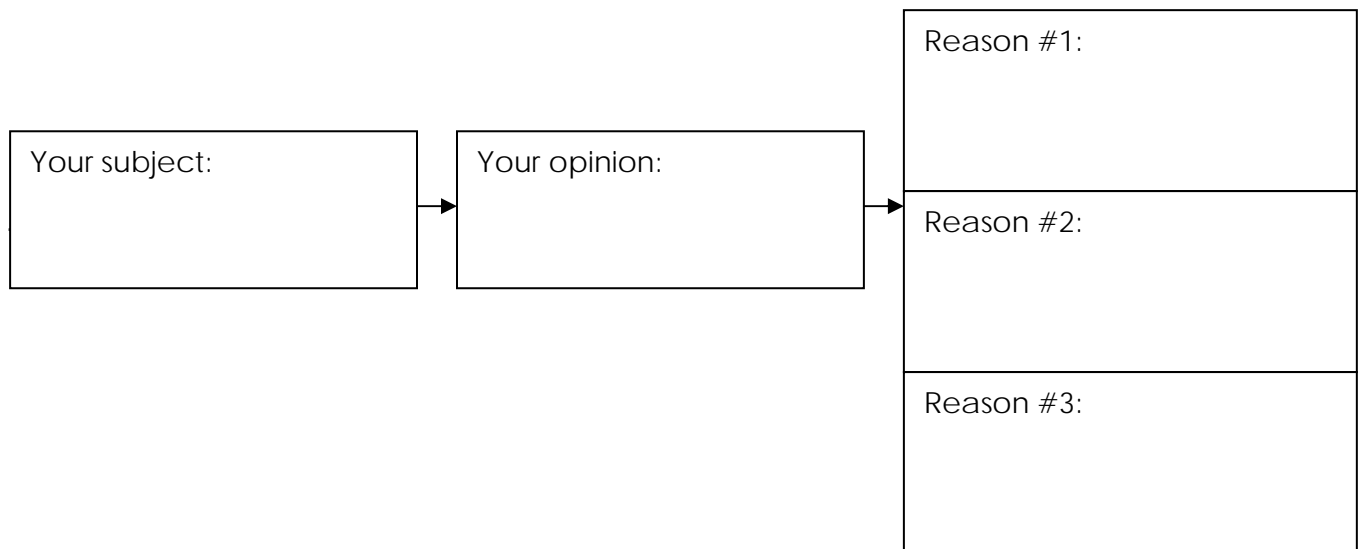
Example:

- The food at movie theater concession stands is expensive
- Most of the food at the concession stand is unhealthy
- Customers are already paying a high price for tickets

Put it all together: Customers should be allowed to sneak food into the movies because the food at concession stands is expensive, unhealthy, and customers are already paying a lot of money for tickets.

Note: To connect your opinion to your reasons, use words/phrases such as **because**, **as**, **so that**, or **in order to**

Organize your thesis!



Write your statement in a complete sentence:

Thesis statement: