

## 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

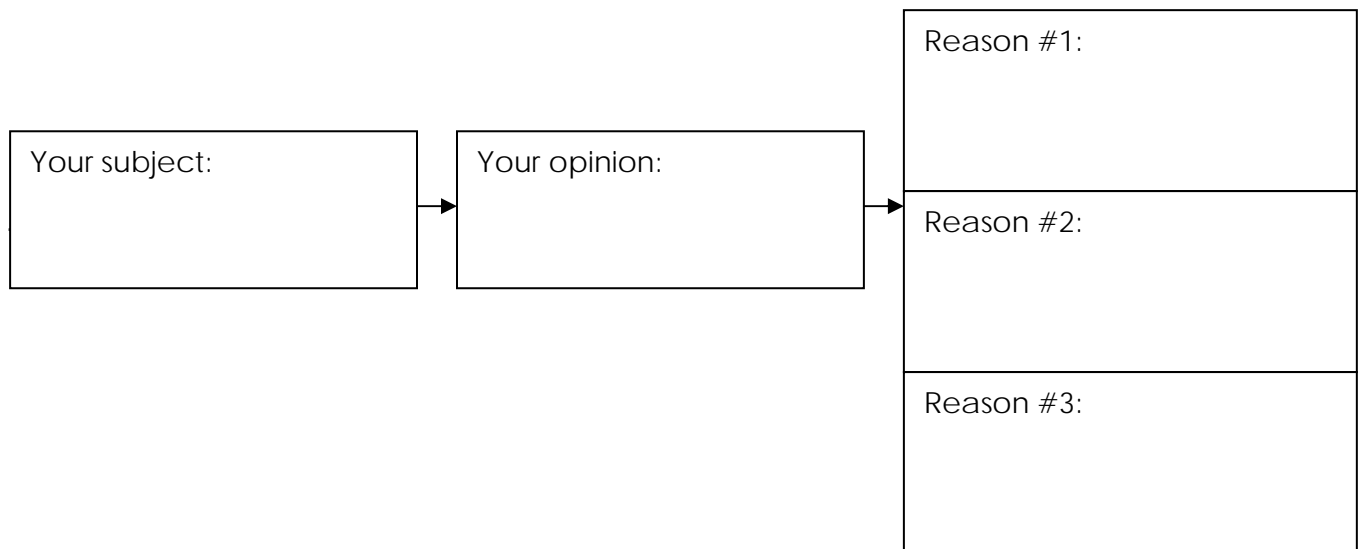
*Example:*

- 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: