

Guided Notes

Introduction

- **Introduction**

- An **introduction** is the _____ of an essay or speech, which typically identifies the topic, arouses interest, and prepares the audience for the development of the thesis. It can also be called an _____, a lead, or an introductory paragraph.

- The introduction will contain the following three things:

- Hook
- Background information
- _____

- **Hook**

- A **hook** is a statement meant to grab the reader's _____.

- **Background Information**

- The **background information** is a _____ of the texts. It identifies the author, title and gives necessary background information that someone who hasn't read the story would need to know in order for your paper to make sense. Keep it brief.

- **Thesis**

- A **thesis** is a _____ or theory that is put forward as a premise to be maintained or proved. Your **thesis** will become the controlling idea of your entire essay.
- You can think of your introduction like an upside down _____. It starts out very _____ and becomes more and more specific.