

AIR ELA 8: Unit 18

Informative/Expository Essay- 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 _____ is a summary of the issue. It describes the argument and explains why it is important. This is where you highlight the necessary information that someone who isn't familiar with the issue 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.

HOOK _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION (what is the topic of the essay and why is it important?)

THESIS _____

- **Incorrect Tense Shift-** It is incorrect to _____ **verb tenses** in a passage without a reason.
- **Subject-Verb Agreement-** A verb must match its subject in number—if the subject is _____, a _____ verb should be used; and if the subject is _____, a _____ verb must be used.