

### Introduction Paragraph

- Opening Sentence - Start your paper with a general statement about your topic that catches the reader's attention, a scenario, a quotation about the topic, fascinating fact, definition, analogy, or a problem situation.
- Context- Give the reader the background information of the essay topic.
- Statement- State the purpose of your essay referring to big ideas/points on the topic that you will support with evidence in your body paragraphs.

Possible Transitions

- First
- First of all
- To begin with
- For example
- One example
- Furthermore
- Not only...,but
- Next
- In addition
- Finally
- To conclude
- In conclusion

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### Conclusion

- Start with a small transition. This can be a cue to your reader that you're ending your essay, and that they need to pay attention. (In conclusion, Finally, As can be seen)
- Briefly summarize some of the main points. Try taking the first sentences of the main idea paragraphs and **rewrite** their main points in two or three sentences.
- Your closing sentence is your last word on the subject; it is your "clincher"(Ask yourself "What is my essay about, and what am I saying?"; demonstrate the importance of your ideas)

MI- Main Idea

M- Me (Your Own Words)

A- Author (Author's Words)