

TERM PAPER WRITING INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions serve the purpose of showing/telling your readers:

- ✓ What to expect in the paper
- ✓ Why the topic is important
- ✓ What the thesis is
- ✓ What tone/voice/style of language the paper is written in
- ✓ A way to entice the reader's interest (get their attention)

What are the steps to writing an introduction?

1. Pre-write for ideas with a prompt such as, "My term paper is of world importance because . . ."
2. Highlight your best brain storming and share it with others
3. Write a sentence linking the topic's significance with your thesis
4. Research and brain storm introductory "attention getters" (see below)
5. Draft, receive feed back and re-draft your introduction

Attention getters that spice up an introduction:

- ❖ Vivid stories, quotes, parables
- ❖ Analogies, examples, statistics that illustrate the magnitude of the issue
- ❖ Open with a few general statements about life and relate them to the focus of your analysis ("There comes a time when everyone has to . . .")
- ❖ Place the event in historical context
- ❖ And many other creative, literary ideas you may have . . .