

WALT write a 'good' introduction.

WASW we are able to include

- a hook
- our three points
- our opinion



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- Establishes organisational structure of the argument - introduces what main points you will be covering
- States the position of the argument



Some strategies the writer will use....


- **Start with a hook!** The first sentence of your argument should capture the reader's attention
- **Scenario** - the writer provides personal examples to illustrate a topic
- **Questioning/Inquiry** - the writer asks thought provoking, maybe edgy questions to capture the readers interest
- **Preparation/Definition** - the writer defines or explains the subject before discussing it in detail
- **At the end of the introduction** - make a statement that restates your point or takes the reader smoothly to the next paragraph

Some ways NOT to start...

- I am going to tell you about...
- Once upon a time...
- My first main idea is...
- This is an essay about...
- I am writing about...
- Do NOT introduce yourself or say your name. We know who you are!



Click on link below for examples of introductions...

 Examples of Introductions - refer to slide 6 - 8



Example 1

Who in their right mind thought that high school students should get up in the dark when their natural rhythm is just the opposite? Who in their right mind would put the most inexperienced drivers on the road before the sun is even up? What parents in their right minds would sign up for a morning fight 180 days a year? What teacher in his or her right mind would want to motivate a somnambulant first period class? Only someone who is actually in their right mind would move the start time of high school to a sensible 10 am.

Example 2

The majority of high schools have kept a starting time that was begun in the 1920's when students needed to get back to their farms to tend to chores. This means that class still starts at 7:30 am, which current research proves is the worst time for the teen mind. Why then do we continue to use a system that we know doesn't work well for the very students that the school is trying to teach? To ensure student success, we must change our schedule to start school at 10 am.

Example 3

It is 5:45 a.m. Time to get up. “Mom, just a little longer,” I beg. Six o’clock rolls around; time to get up.

“OK Mom, I am getting up,” I say as my eyes drift back shut. It is now 6:25 and I spring up out of bed and try to get ready in time to leave at 7:00. Skipping breakfast, a mistake I will regret later, this is my typical morning. So, as a high school student I know the concerns that people have expressed about the starting time for school. School starts too early and I agree it should be started later and held an equal time longer.

Let's write an introduction together.

Topic: cell phones should NOT be allowed in school.

Firstly, what THREE points could be made about our topic?

Choose a topic below and write your own introduction...

- Should we allow cell phones at school?
- Participating in team sports helps to develop good character.
- Learning a foreign language at primary school should be compulsory
- University should be free
- The tuckshop should provide only healthy food

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Attachments



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