

Paragraph 1—The Introduction

First 3-5 Sentences (Approximately): LEAD

- Restate Top Section of the Question in Statement Form
- Provide all crucial background information (especially for the reader who hasn't read the focus text) through a short summary of the plot.
- Connect the summary to the Thesis

Next 1 Sentence: Thesis

- Single Sentence
- Direct, Clear answer to ALL PARTS of the question
- Insightful, engaging, well-developed.

Next 2-3 Sentences: Preview of the Supporting Ideas

- Briefly walk the reader through the 3 Supporting Ideas

Last Sentence: Preview of the Conclusion

- Discuss one point from the final reflections in the conclusion.

Note:

-Be sure to begin powerfully. Make sure your first three sentences are grammatically perfect. Do NOT ramble in your lead.