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Module : English

Session : Methodology

Lesson : How to write an introduction for a long essay

1. What is the Purpose of the Introduction in an Essay

Students often ask about what is the purpose of the introduction in an essay. It is all about engagement and presenting your topic to your reader. Make it brief and clear. Do not use lots of facts and keep the trick alive. This is the main tip on how to write an essay introduction. Here are few tips you can rely on while writing your essay introduction:

- * Make a brief analysis of your research before you start writing your essay introduction.
- * Get the main point clear.
- * Always keep all important and useful information at hand noted.

2. How to Write an Essay Introduction

You can start with your outline and then get to the entire essay writing. Some writers prefer writing their body or conclusion paragraphs before they start creating essay introduction paragraph. It is just up to you. Here are few simple tips any student can apply to his writing:

- * Grab the attention of your reader – start with something interesting and unique. Get a fact or question that makes your reader engaged and interested in reading this particular paper.
- * Always stick to the formal language and tone – academic writing is very strict to everything about the paper format. Essay introduction is not an exception. Consider informal style only if it is requested or allowed by your supervisor.
- * Do not use lots of details.

3. How to Start an Essay Introduction

The most challenging thing about how to write an essay introduction is the problem of how to start an essay introduction. There are few typical ways to do it:

- * Start with a question

- * Include an interesting fact
- * Be personal
- * Repeat the title of your work

Practice

Think about a topic that you want to work on in your next year's research (it may concerns Linguistics or Italian Literature... etc.) and try to formulate a popper introduction for the work using the tips mentioned above.