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**THREE MAIN POINTS OF ARGUMENT**

**Each ARGUMENT must stand on its own to support the thesis.**

**Each ARGUMENT should be addressed in the body of the paper in the order it is placed here.**

**Each ARGUMENT below will be given 1 paragraph of support.**

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**CONCLUSION**

**The concluding paragraph should include the following in this order:**

A. A general summary statement which recaps the THESIS but not the ARGUMENTS.

 Restating is required.

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B. Summarize the ARGUMENTS in the order you present them in the paper.

 Give each ARGUMENT its own sentence.

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C. An answer to the question of “So what?” In other words, why should the reader care about your thesis or topic? Why should the topic be important to someone who might not ordinarily care?

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D. A wrap-up statement (which could contain personal insights of the essay writer, emphasize the importance of one of the points of argument, or create a solid sense of finality).

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**INTRODUCTION**

**This is the last section you write because now you know exactly what you have discussed and proved in your arguments.**

**The introductory paragraph should include the following in this order:**

A. Hook your reader. Open with an attention grabber about your topic. For example, use an

 intriguing example, a puzzling scenario, or a brief but vivid story. Avoid using quotations in the

 first paragraph.

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B. Introduce your reader to your topic by relating a few fascinating things about some of the main ideas of ideas you plan to bring up.

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C. Always conclude with your once-sentence thesis statement. Because you introduced your reader to the concepts the paper will cover, they will be ready to hear what you plan to show with your writing. Finishing your introduction with your thesis leaves your reader with a strong sense of

 what you plan to prove in your paper.

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