
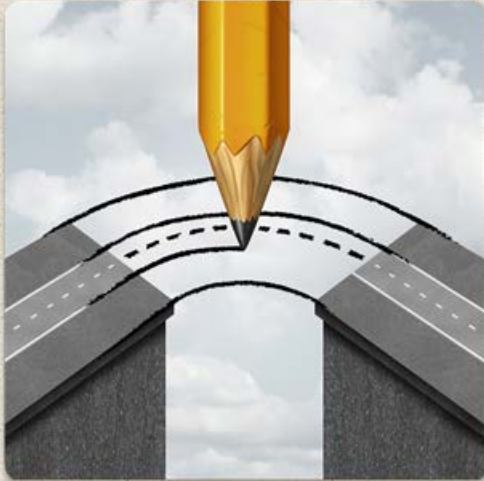


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Click an image to learn more about the elements of an introduction.

In your formal outline, you have already planned an engaging hook and finalized your thesis statement. However, your introductory paragraph can be strengthened if you include two additional elements: some background information and a bridge. Click an image to learn more about the elements of an introduction.

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