

How to Rock the

INTRODUCTION

Attention Getters

- Introduces the main or generic idea of the paper to the audience
- Your AG should NOT include the title or author!
- Aim for sophistication- you want your audience to be well-educated adults, not young children

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WEAK: This kind of a question seems juvenile and implies that you are not sure of the answer; it starts the paper off with a feeling of uncertainty

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STRONG: Sophisticated sentence structure, academic word usage, shows knowledge of background information

Controlling Idea

- Should address the most basic topic of the essay: Are we all individuals meant to operate for and of ourselves or are we pieces of a giant jigsaw puzzle of humanity?

Try stating the essential question as is and then writing it in your own words to break down the denseness of the idea.

Thesis

- MUST INCLUDE the title and author of the novel
- Should be a road map of where the paper is going to go
- Must include a major counter claim, and 2 additional claims of your own

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- Don't use "In this essay"....EVER
- Don't say "I will..." EVER
- Be specific about what you are going to prove- this answers the essential question, but does not identify the counterclaim or claims!

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- Great fluidity and use of academic words
- Very specific to what the essay will be about
- Commanding tone- I trust that this person knows what they are talking about

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Though some may believe that William Golding's *Lord of the Flies* promotes the concept of "every man for himself," the necessity of collaboration for rescue and the power of strength in numbers more strongly supports the idea that Golding's novel actually promotes working in cooperative groups.

It's time to type your intro!

Remember all of these key ideas and feel free to get feedback from me when you finish!

You should be done with your intro paragraph by WEDNESDAY!

