

# An Exercise for Introductions and Conclusions

In an essay, the thesis statement should appear at (or near) the end of the introduction paragraph. This means it's necessary to compose two or more sentences to get your reader's attention and make him want to read your work. Some common methods used to introduce essays include

- providing background information
- relating a pertinent anecdote
- stating a statistic
- using an analogy
- defining a term integral to your essay
- citing a quote
- asking a question

Given these possibilities, write two or more introductory sentences to lead into the thesis statements written below. Do NOT use any above device more than once; vary your methods. Write your answers ABOVE the theses, making the result look like an actual paragraph ending with a thesis. P.S.—any of the above techniques can be used to conclude an essay as well.

1. Daytona Beach is a vacation spot any student would enjoy because of its great nightlife, fun beachside activities, and fine seafood.

2. The television media need to stop constantly reporting only the negative sides of world events.

3. Advertising, though usually viewed negatively, can provide necessary information regarding products' quality and availability.