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Funnel Introductions

A **FUNNEL INTRODUCTION** begins with a general statement. It then follows with more specific statements – leading up to the thesis statement.

- The first sentence is the wide end of the funnel: a focused generalization that provides the necessary context and the subject.
- Each succeeding sentence in the paragraph narrows the subject.
- The last sentence of the paragraph, the least general statement, is the thesis of the essay.



← BROAD/WIDE STATEMENT
← NARROW IT DOWN...
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← NARROW IT DOWN...
← THESIS STATEMENT

***** Remember that there can be more than 5 sentences in your introduction.
NO LESS than 5!!!**

EXAMPLE:

Gangs have been a very big issue in U.S. history. Gang violence and drug use are one of the many reasons gang members keep ending up in jail. Because of gangs, many deaths and other crimes have occurred in the U.S. There have been many arguments relating to whether officers should keep throwing gang members in jail, or if social programs should be started to prevent kids from joining gangs. Because studies prove that being involved in a gang can lead to drugs and violence, the federal government should instruct social workers to set up gang prevention programs for kids.

Tassi, Joseph. Gangs in the United States. Lake Zurich, 2009.