No pain for me this time…
The Introduction Paragraph

- The first paragraph in a paper that introduces your topic and thesis statement
- Contains 3 main parts:
  - Attention-Getter / Hook
  - Lead-in
  - Thesis statement
Attention Getter / Hook

- The very first sentence(s) that gets the reader’s attention and makes them want to read more
- VERY general introduction of the topic

Some options:
- Shocking statistic
- Startling story
- Quotation
- Setting the scene
- Description
- NO QUESTIONS
The Lead-in

- The sentences between the attention-getter and thesis statement
- Helps narrow the topic from general to specific
- Acts as a transition between attention-getter and thesis statement
The Thesis Statement

- The most important sentence in the paper
- Last sentence of introduction paragraph
- Tells exactly what the paper will be about
- Sometimes, it will present the order of the supporting material that the paper will be in the paper
Think of the introduction paragraph as an upside down triangle.

- Attention Getter
- Lead-in
- Thesis Statement
- General
- Specific
The last paragraph in an essay that neatly wraps up the paper

Contains 3 main parts

- Restate the thesis
- Lead-out
- Clincher
Restate the thesis

- Summarize the thesis without repeating yourself
- The most specific part of the conclusion
- Should include a transition to indicate that this is your concluding paragraph
The Lead-out

- Just like the lead-in only backwards
- Makes the topic larger to become more general and less specific
- Smooths out the conclusion paragraph
The Clincher

- Last sentence of the last paragraph
- Give the paper finality
- Similar to an attention getter because it should make the reader think and leave an impression
- Most general part of the conclusion paragraph
Think of the Conclusion as a triangle.

- Restatement of Thesis
- Lead-out
- Clincher
- Specific
- General
A Visual

Introduction

General

Specific

Body P.1
Body P.2
Body P.3

Specific

General

Conclusion