

Introduction and Conclusion Paragraphs

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

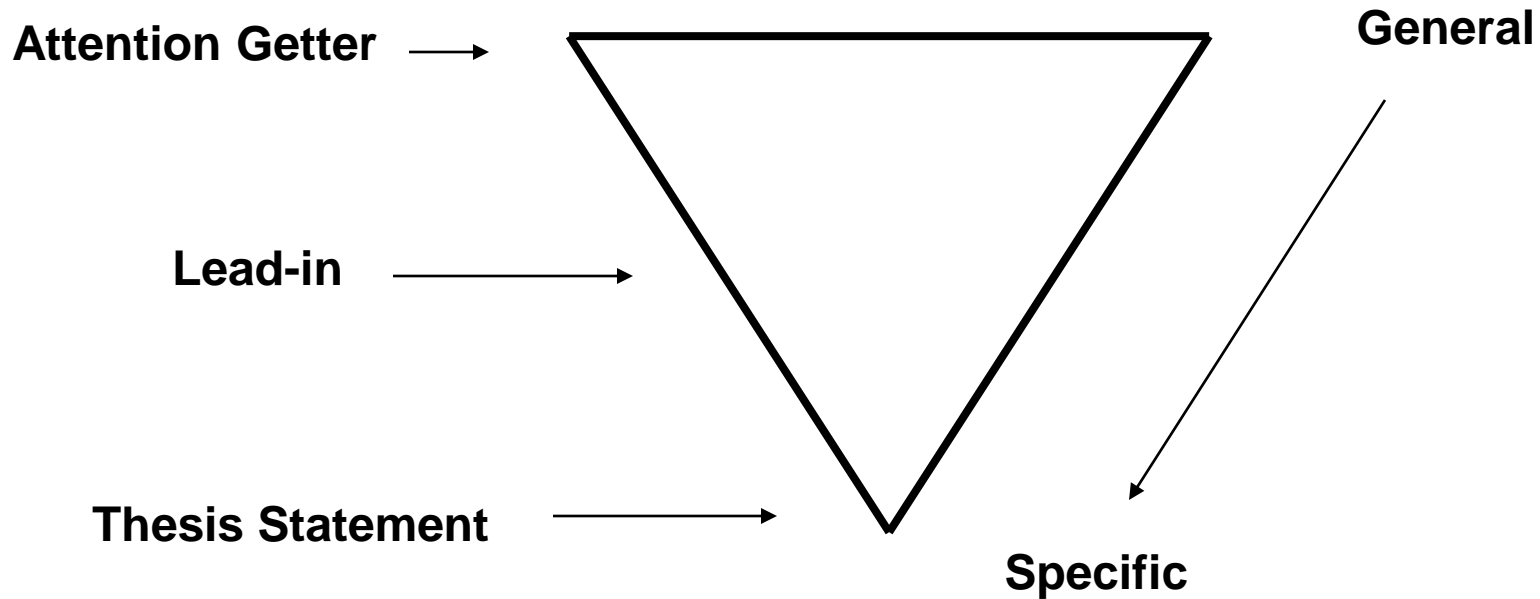
- The sentences between the attention-getter and thesis statement
- Helps narrow the topic from general to specific
- Acts as a transition between attention-getter and thesis statement

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

A Visual

- Think of the introduction paragraph as an upside down triangle.



The Conclusion Paragraph

- 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

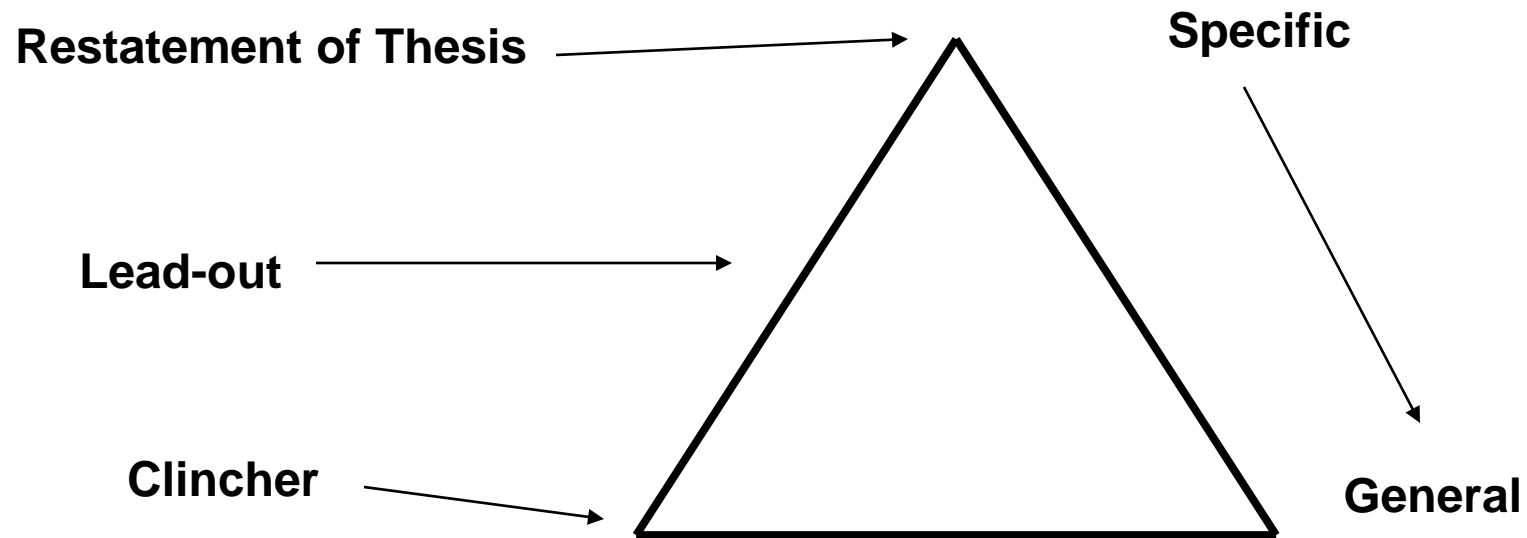
- Just like the lead-in only backwards
- Makes the topic larger to become more general and less specific
- Smooths out the conclusion paragraph

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

A Visual

- Think of the Conclusion as a triangle.



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