

Writing an Essay Introduction

Draft an introduction to an essay by answering in full sentences...

Where did you get the idea for this paper? If you are responding to another writer's work/words, name the author and title and summarize what the author says about this idea you're interested in.

If you were explaining your paper to another student while your teacher was listening, what would you say to get your peer interested in the paper? (Question, statistic, attention-getter, personal connection, etc.)

What is the context? What do we need to know before we go on?

How does what you're saying differ from what everyone else is saying? What are you adding to the conversation about this topic?

What is your main point (OR, what did you notice, and why does it matter)?

What kind of smaller points will you make to support your larger point? List 3-5 of them.