

INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH Guidelines

The following is an example of the first part of a student outline and how it is converted into an opening paragraph. Use this as a model for how to convert your outline into a paper. Many students choose to use their Essential Question form to help them create their opening. The attention grabber usually is a startling fact, interesting quotation, or scenario related to the topic. The thesis statement is your E.Q. in the form of a statement instead of a question. The three points generally come from the sub-topics on your E.Q. form. Hope this helps!

Positive Attitudes Affect on the Healing Process

- I. Opening Paragraph
 - A. Attention grabber
 - B. Thesis statement: Positive attitude affects the way in which bodies heal and deal with health.
 1. Patients dealing with life-changing illnesses greatly affected by their attitudes throughout their fight.
 2. Physical affects on everyday health.
 3. Techniques to change mental outlook.

“I believe that if you’re a positive person your attitude has a lot to do with [recovery]. I definitely feel I will never get [cancer] again” (Wilkinson 797). Beliefs like this help thousands of people survive health scares and traumatic illnesses. A positive attitude can alter people facing life-changing illnesses, and sustain the everyday health of humanity. Simple techniques can teach this outlook. A positive attitude affects the way in which the body heals and deals with illness.

**For the complete outline and paper, visit the senior seminar page
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