

## Introductions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- You need three things for an introduction:

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- The hook can start with a:

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**Directions:** Answer the following questions.

The alarm shrieks. I open my eyes, confused and groggy. I smack the snooze button and sink back into the warm cocoon of the covers—until my mom knocks on the door. “Get up! You’re going to be late!” Sound familiar? Across the country, school districts are rethinking school start times. What is in the best interest of students? Every teen knows the agony of getting up at the crack of dawn to head to school. What every teen may not know is it is more beneficial for them to start school later.

What kind of hook is this?: \_\_\_\_\_

In Jackson, Kansas, high school students walk leisurely into school at 8:35 a.m. while in Whiteland, Indiana, high school students drag themselves into the building at 7:30 a.m. Depending on where they live in the country, teenagers can start school as early at 7:00 a.m. or as late as 9:00 a.m. Surprisingly, many districts don’t put much thought into what is best for the students. That’s unfortunate because it is more beneficial for teenagers to start school later.

What kind of hook is this?: \_\_\_\_\_

“The nicest thing for me is sleep; then, at least, I can dream” (Marilyn Monroe). Sleep may not be an option for some students going to school. Schools are starting earlier rather than later, which is putting strain on sleeping schedules. On average, students are getting less sleep a night on school days. Buses are coming as early as 6:00 a.m. to pick up students which requires students to rise as early as 5:30 a.m. What students need to know is that starting school later is more beneficial to their health.

What kind of hook is this?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Label the hook, topic or issue, and thesis of this introduction paragraph.

After being told by her son, Collin, that he does not want to have a birthday party because he doesn't have enough friends to invite, Collin's mom set up a Facebook page for him. This page was supposed to get fifty likes to prove to Collin that people do care about him. It currently has over one million likes. Even after things like this, experts still argue that Facebook makes people mean. Facebook users strongly disagree. Facebook does not make people mean because it helps unsocial people like Collin and helps people build strong relationships.

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**Directions:** What's missing from these introduction paragraphs?

Ten year old Collin told his mom that he didn't want a birthday party because he didn't have many friends. Collin's mom set up a page for her son's birthday. It reached 1.3 million likes. She wanted to show Collin how many people were wishing him a happy birthday. Facebook is used to help kids make friends and spread good messages.

- What's missing?
- a. hook
  - b. topic or issue
  - c. thesis

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Hook + Topic / Issue + Thesis  
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- Anecdote (story)
- fact
- quote

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Hook

Thesis

What's missing?

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- ☒ b. topic or issue
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\* Although some are saying Facebook makes you mean, Facebook can be used for good purposes.

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Hook

topic

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\* Facebook is making kids mean because kids don't think twice about what they say & act differently online than they do in person.