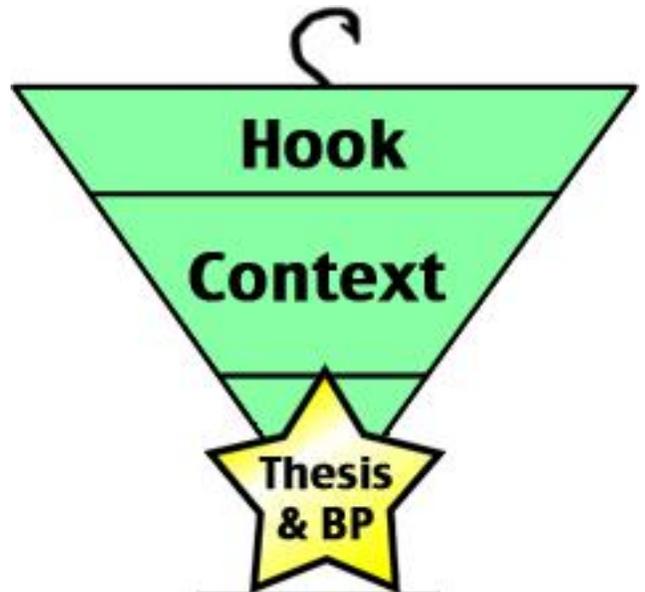


Introductory and Concluding Paragraphs

Introduction:

Hook Your Reader:

- Start your paper with a general statement about your topic that catches the reader's attention.
- Consider using any of the following:
 - Relevant quotation, anecdote, fascinating fact, definition, analogy, the position opposing one you will take, or a dilemma that needs a solution.



Introduction Context

- Provide the information the reader will need to understand the topic.
- Make connections to the major texts you plan to analyze.

Thesis Statement & Blueprint

- Review the [Thesis Development Worksheet](#) to create a statement that demonstrates a great amount of depth and critical analysis, while being specific to your topic.
- State your arguable position on the topic that you will support with evidence in your body paragraphs.
- Remember to use the “~~I think that~~” technique to ensure it is arguable, and formal.
- Also introduce the three main sub-topics you'll use to prove your argument (each body paragraph will focus on one of these).

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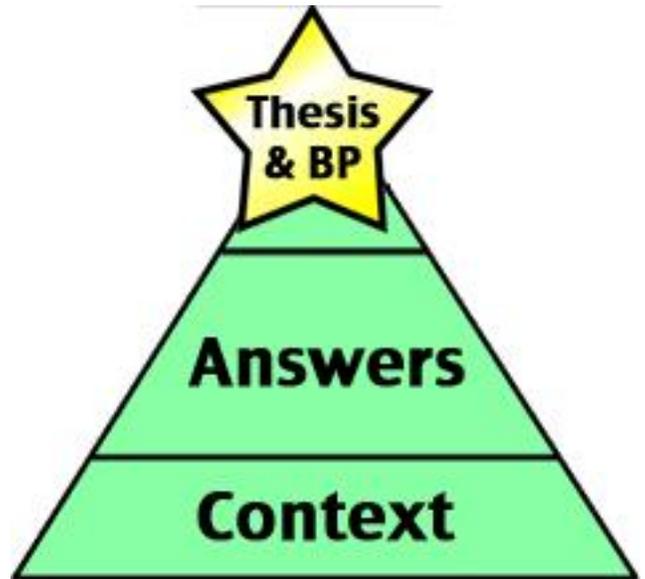
Conclusion:

Restate Your Thesis & Blueprint:

- Provide the reader an overview of the main ideas you've discussed
- Restate your thesis in a new and interesting way

Answers:

- Consider the following questions to help you articulate and expand your conclusion:
 - Did you propose any solutions?
 - Are there solutions yet to be discovered?
 - What questions still need to be answered?
 - What is the larger significance of the topic you chose to write about?
 - What should the reader do or think after reading your paper?
- Note that you should use declarative statements, do not ask these questions to your reader (keep it formal)



Put Your Argument Back into Context:

- Explain to the reader how this argument fits into your larger topic, and why it is important (**synthesize it**).
- Also be sure to highlight the progression of your thought process, offer solutions, next steps or present new questions that your paper generated.