

The Introduction

1. Hook

- a. Quote (From Novel)
- b. Title + Author
- c. Plot Summary
- d. Context / Background of Theme

Example of Intro (Starting w/ Quote)

"~~~~~" (36). In this quote, X is happening. At this point in the novel... Margaret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale is about X. The quote above highlights the main theme of X.

Example of Plot Summary:

"Margaret Atwood's HT is about... It follows the story of Offred, who... One key theme that emerges is... ~~~~"

Introducing Theme example (Using Feminist theme)

"The Feminist movement gained traction in the 1960's over X issues... This theme shows up in Margaret Atwood's HT... Atwood references..."

2. The Thesis Statement

Should be in Thesis	Should NOT be in Thesis
- Your main argument	- I believe... I think
- Road map for essay	- Just fact / summary
- Arguable	- No opinion / evaluation
- Specific	
- 30 - what? how? why?	