

FULL names NEATLY written:

Hour

Intro, Topic Sentence, and Conclusion Activity #2

Prompt: What should freshmen do to ensure their success? (imagine this would be an article in the school newspaper)

one is good and one is very good

Sample #1

Freshman year can be a roller coaster filled with thrills and horrors. You don't want to get off to a bad start because colleges and future employers may be looking at your transcript in the not so distant future. To ensure your success earn good grades by attending school regularly, studying for tests, and meeting deadlines. Also make lots of friends by talking to new people, getting involved in sports and clubs, and avoiding the drama. Finally, make the most of the opportunities at Seymour Community High School by taking advanced classes, participating in job shadows, and taking interesting electives. Read more about how to get off to a good start in your high school career.

Sample #2

The thought of starting high school can cause panic and heart palpitations in vulnerable incoming frosh who have visions of being cornered by monstrous sized upperclassmen or getting lost in a maze of hallways. However, most freshmen actually enjoy high school if they get involved in co-curricular activities and avoid the drama. Finally, freshmen need to remember if they do have problems, they should talk to their teachers to get help.

Turn over

❖ **Catch Attention (best if you can do it w/out asking a ?)**

❖ **Provide a Brief Overview of the Essay WITHOUT going into details**

❖ **Provide a Brief Overview of the Paper (the THESIS or CLAIM) without saying things like “this paper is about” or “I will write about” or “you will read about” (the CLAIM or THESIS can be stated over multiple sentences)**

❖ **3 or more sentences**

1. What intro is **better** and why? **CIRCLE** the better one.
2. What advice would you give to the author of the weaker intro to improve it? Come up with two or more suggestions
3. These intros are for an imaginary five paragraph essay on advice to incoming freshmen. Each paper would have an intro, 3 body paragraphs, and a concl. Re-read the intros and underline the three main points for each paper. Each main point would become a paragraph.

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Write the topic sentences for that imaginary paper based on whatever intro you circled. (It's ok if you select the intro that isn't the best one)

Remember topic sentences are:

- GENERAL sentences that tell what the paragraph will be about WITHOUT going into detail. (the detailed examples will follow it)
- VARY from paragraph to paragraph
- Have TRANSITIONS (Furthermore, In addition, Lastly, Most importantly or even Although.... Or Even though.... Or Because)
- Are NOT too short and choppy

a. Topic Sent #1

b. Topic Sent #2

c. Topic Sent #3

4. Write the conclusion for whatever intro you circled. The conclusion:

- Should **restate the three main points**
- **Not** introduce new specific info/facts
- Be three or more sentences
- AVOID phrases like this paper was about

Write **Concl on the BACK side**