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EVALUATING INTROS

INTROS NEED TO:

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

- ❖ **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” (it can be stated over multiple sentences)**

- ❖ **Be specific about the claim but WITHOUT going into detailed examples or information**

- ❖ **Use a TAG (Title, author, and genre)**

Evaluate these sample intros and see if they have all of the required elements. Identify if they are missing anything. THE SAMPLE INTROS are written by students but may have been altered a bit.

IMAGINE the WRITING PROMPT FOR ALL OF THE INTROS IS is: Does love at first sight exist and were Romeo and Juliet really in love?

SAMPLE #1

Shakespeare's tragedy *Romeo and Juliet* is a tragic love story about two young people whose families hate each other but they fall in love anyways and will go to great lengths to be together. This classic is one of the most famous plays of all time.

- A) Missing catch attention and thesis
- B) Missing catch attention, overview of story, and thesis
- C) Missing catch attention only
- D) Missing thesis only
- E) Has all required elements (catch attention, overview of the story, and thesis)

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SAMPLE #2

In Shakespeare's tragedy *Romeo and Juliet* the two star crossed lovers supposedly fall in love at first sight. However, is there really even such a thing at first sight? Most people recognize that to truly fall in love, people need to really know each other for an extended period of time. Therefore, they were more likely infatuated with one another instead of in love with one another since love at first sight doesn't really exist.

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- B) Missing catch attention and overview of the story
- C) Missing catch attention, overview of the story, and thesis
- D) Has forbidden phrase "this paper will be about" or similar wording
- E) Sample has all required elements (catch attention, overview of the story, and thesis)

SAMPLE #3

Some people have experienced that unexpected spark as their eyes meet with a perfect stranger. In an instant their heart rate speeds up, they begin to blush, and they fall in love. It is magical but it is also very real. Romeo and Juliet had a similar experience and instantly fell head over heels in love for each other. However, they soon learned that their families were feuding and their love was forbidden so they take great lengths to be together. Clearly, they sacrificed for each other so they were deeply in love which they knew as soon as they saw one another.

- A) Missing overview of the story
- B) Missing overview of the story and thesis
- C) Missing catch attention, overview of the story, and thesis
- D) Has forbidden wording like "this paper will explore..." or similar wording
- E) Sample has all required elements (catch attention, overview, and thesis)

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Sample #4

Love is one of the strongest powers in this world. In the tragedy *Romeo and Juliet* Shakespeare reveals two young lovers deep love for one another even though their relationship is forbidden by their feuding families. Readers soon discover that love at first sight certainly exists and that Romeo and Juliet themselves were deeply in love. Clearly, they acted impulsively, but that does not change the fact that these two young lovers shared a very real and precious love even though they only knew each other for a short time.

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Sample #5

Love is just a lie! Romeo and Juliet only THOUGHT they loved each other. However, love really takes to form and grow. Often times people are attracted to one another but that is very different than being in love and building a life together. Therefore, infatuation at first sight may exist but real love grows over time.

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Sample #6

“But soft what light through yonder window breaks, it’s the east and Juliet in the sun,” (Shakespeare Act II, Scene ii). Romeo speaks these words the very first night that he met Juliet and almost instantly their romance was as deep as a trench. They saw each other from across a room at a masquerade ball and later they talked while she was on her balcony. Even though they only had brief exchanges, they were already in love by the time they found out that they were forbidden to be together because of the long standing feud between their families. Therefore, love at first sight really does exist.

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- E) Has all required elements (catch attention, overview, & thesis)

Sample #7

In his tragic love story *Romeo and Juliet* Shakespeare writes “A rose by any other name would still smell as sweet” (Shakespeare Act II, scene ii). This quote expresses Romeo’s belief that a name is just a name and Juliet and he should not be forbidden to be together just because one of them is a Montague and one is a Capulet. Sadly, these two lovers lose their lives because they could not reveal their feelings for each other to their families because of a long standing, senseless, bitter feud. In the end the families make peace but not in time to save the two lovers’ lives.

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HINT: three of the intros are correct as is!