

# Research Paper and Report Writing

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## DRAFTING

### Writing Your Introduction

**Directions** A good introduction does more than just introduce the thesis, or main idea, of a research paper. It grabs the reader's attention. One way to begin is with a question. Another way to open is with a surprising fact or statistic. Some writers interest their readers with a fascinating story related to the topic. Others start with a striking quotation. Think about the topic you have selected and the main idea you want to convey. Now develop one introduction for each approach listed below. Continue your introductions on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

#### 1. Question

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#### 2. Surprising fact or statistic

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#### 3. Story

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#### 4. Quotation

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**Directions** Now review your four introductions. Which one do you like best? Explain why you prefer it.

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