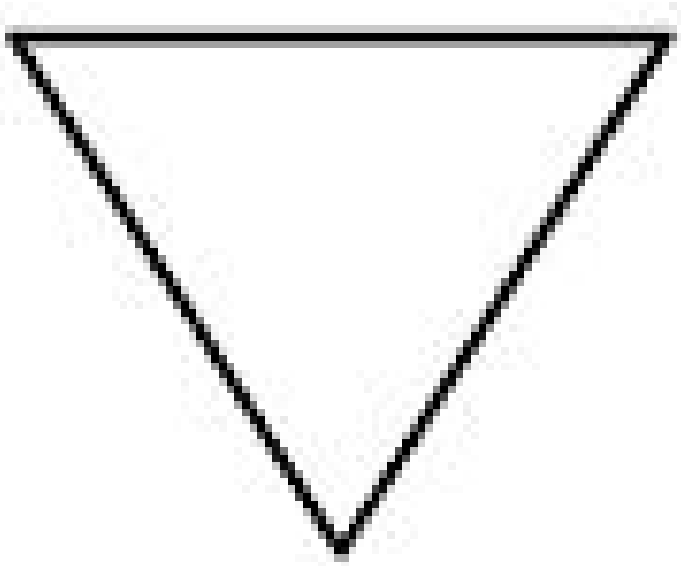
Introductions



Introductions Should:	Introductions Should Not:

Sentence 1: General/global statement about theme of thesis or topic

Sentence 2: Explain this general statement in a bit more detail

Sentence 3: Focus in on the topic of your paper

Sentence 4: Explain this topic (this would be a good time to contextualize for your reader -- think SOAPS)

Sentence 5: Reasons/Arguments (multiple sentences could be used here)

Sentence 6: Claim/Thesis (without reasons)

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N-Word Example:

Language has the capacity to have many functions: it can inform, persuade, and entertain, among others. While many may consider the practical use of language, many forget the emotional functions of language: to affirm and praise, encourage and motivate, and even offend and ridicule. Undoubtedly, language, when used in a negative way, can create an environment filled with hate, and the inclusion of the n-word does just that. For centuries, the n-word has been used to belittle, degrade, and offend its targets, most of whom are African Americans. Although the n-word has been altered in its spelling to appeal to popular culture's expectations of a black "brotherhood", the n-word derives from hate, its history everlasting and unchanging. Likewise, its repeated use in common speech, magazines, radio, television, and even literature slows the advancements society as a whole has made in improving racial equality. By perpetuating its use, in whichever form it may exist, Americans are only endorsing hate. Despite its impracticality, the n-word should be omitted from the English language in all media and formats.

Directions for partner assignment:

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With your partner, you are to create an effective paragraph that (1) meets the formatting expectations (2) includes purposeful transitions and sophisticated diction (3) provides a claim and clear reason(s).

Your task: What is Orwell's claim about language (he makes many!)

Your thesis / claim can take a couple of forms:

Claims of Fact

Language is....

Claims of Value

Good language...

Claims of Policy

Language should...