

## **FORMAT FOR YOUR INTRODUCTION**

1. Begin with your **grabber**. *Choose one from the methods below.*
2. Include 2-3 sentences of interesting background/general information about your topic.
3. Explain the value associated with your person and what the value means.
4. The last sentence of the paragraph must be your **thesis statement**.

This is a factual research paper and must be written in **3<sup>rd</sup> person point of view**. The introduction will set the tone for the whole paper. It is based on the facts, not on your opinions or on the time your family visited Disney World or on what your friend told you, and so on.

**DO NOT** begin with the following:

*Imagine a time when....*

*Did you know....?*

*I'm going to tell you about....*

### **GRABBERS**

To grab the reader's attention begin with a **grabber**.  
For this specific research paper, you have three choices for grabbers.

1. **Definition:** *Define the value that has been associated with the person.*

Perseverance can be defined as a steady persistence in a course of action, especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement. This value has often been associated with Anne Frank, one of the world's most famous Holocaust victims.

2. **Anecdote:** *A very short story that grabs the attention of your reader.*

A young girl sits near a cracked attic window. She stares into the peaceful sky and attempts to capture its tranquility with a deep breath. The world around her is crumbling as she sits in silence. The desperate circumstances she faces have forced her to hide away from the world. Her only outlet is the small checkered diary she clutches close to her chest. She sighs and tucks her hair behind her ear. As she picks up her pencil, every ounce of her soul spills onto the pages in front of her. This young girl was Anne Frank, the author of one of the world's most famous books.

3. **Quotation:** *Use quotation from the person or about the value.*

"In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart." This quotation was written by Anne Frank, a young girl who spent two years of her life hiding from the Nazis, only to be captured and murdered just weeks before her sixteenth birthday.

Ralph Waldo Emerson stated, "Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising which tempt you to believe that your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires courage." This quotation describes the type of courage that Anne Frank displayed during the years she spent hiding from the Nazis. She showed great courage by standing up for what she believed in, despite the actions and opinions of those around her.