

Question:

Steps in Writing an Introduction Paragraph	Your Introduction	Teacher's Comments
<p>Setting (2pts) Establish a setting for the essay. Briefly introduce the reader to the general subject (historical era or topic) of the essay in one sentence. Do not answer the question here or even hint at the thesis.</p>		
<p>Comment, Concession, or Definition (3pts) A <i>comment</i> explains the task and gives a hint to the thesis. A <i>concession</i> is used in a debatable essay and shows that you are aware of the opposing view or argument. A <i>definition</i> defines the key term(s) that forms the basis of your analysis.</p>		
<p><i>The "thesis" of the essay includes both the subtopic sentences and the thesis statement.</i></p> <p>Subtopics (3 x 4pts = 12pts) Establish the 2, 3, or 4 major subtopics that you plan to discuss in the body of the essay. Each sentence will address a different "element" of the subject or answer a different sub-question. Each sentence should demonstrate how and why this particular subtopic helps prove your thesis. These sentences will then become the basis for the topic sentences of each body paragraph, and should therefore be general enough to include all of the ideas that you will later use to support each topic sentence. Do not include specific ideas, examples, or pieces of evidence in these sentences; save those for the body. The first sentence (or subtopic) should be the most important or the first to occur chronologically, and so on.</p>		
<p>Thesis Statement (3pts) Finish the introductory paragraph with a clear, direct statement that answers the entire question directly. This one concise sentence should "agree" with the comment or concession sentence. Do not repeat the subtopic sentences.</p>		