**Intro**

* + - **Attention getter** related to the topic (thesis) of your essay

Get audience attention

***Intriguing example-***

*The television show “All American Muslims” is an excellent example of how racism still exists in America.*

***a provocative quotation- not a dictionary definition***

*“*[*Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive* ***characters*** *are seared with scars.*](http://thinkexist.com/quotation/out_of_suffering_have_emerged_the_strongest_souls/259185.html)*”*

***a puzzling scenario***

*“Imagine that your child was stalked by a neighbor and attacked in the woods, what type of revenge would you want?”*

***a vivid and perhaps unexpected anecdote***

*“When I was a small child my older brother ran away from home and did not return for 5 years.”*

***a thought-provoking question***

*“If you were lost alone in the jungle with nothing to eat but your best friend, would you?*

* + - **Thesis statement**- what is this paper going to do- what’s the point you are going to prove
    - **Preview** the main points- what will the body of your paper be about

**Conclusion**

* + - Restate Thesis
    - How did the paper prove your thesis? ( simply)
    - Leave the reader with something to consider- draw some conclusions about what you learned