

# Argumentative Essay: Introduction

## Extended Writing Project Prompt and Directions:

Every day the media run headlines celebrating heroes among us. The firefighter who charges into the burning building to save an infant is a hero. The nurse who risks her own life to help patients with infectious diseases—she’s a hero too. What qualities do all heroes have in common? What makes one person more heroic than another?

## Your argumentative essay with research should include:

- an explicitly stated claim about the individual who you think is the most heroic
- a logically organized argument supported by persuasive reasons and relevant textual evidence
- information from one unit text and at least one other print or digital source
- citations of your sources and a Works Cited page
- a conclusion that restates your claim, sums up your reasons and evidence, and leaves your readers with an original thought about the topic

The **introduction** is the opening paragraph or section of an argumentative essay or other nonfiction text. The introduction should begin with a “**hook**” that engages readers and grabs their attention. An “**extended hook**” often follows and it helps to bridge the hook to the main topic. The next section **identifies the topic to be discussed**, and **previews the supporting details** (reasons and evidence found during research) that will appear in the body of the text. Finally the thesis or claim that **states the writer’s claim** is the last sentence of the paragraph.

## Argumentative Essay Road Map

Hook: \_\_\_\_\_

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Extended Hook: \_\_\_\_\_

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Context: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

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