



Essay Openings

AKA: Great Introductions to an essay

An effective intro must do 2 things:

- o Catch the reader's attention

- o Introduce the subject

How can you do this?

- Metaphor: frame an issue in another light
- Anecdote: a short humorous story related to the topic
- Problem/Question: pose an issue that your essay will then solve
- Comparison: take something the reader is unfamiliar with and relate it to something they are familiar with
- Shocker: everybody likes surprises, make it memorable
- Summary: a brief summary of an issue can capture interest

Practice

o Come up with an introductory sentence for each of the examples given using the following topic:

o Beauty pageants