Writing an essay introduction

Use the following information and examples below, to complete an introductory paragraph using the fill in the blank introductory paragraph.

Sample Essay Outline Format

Topic: School

# Introduction Outline Example

*Opening statement:* The value of school has been questioned by almost every student alive, however, when it comes right down to it, school is one of the most important ways of preparing students for their future. In fact, Albert Einstein, famous for his intelligence and innovation, stated “Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.”

Background info: Education has been part of people’s lives since the beginning of time, but formal schooling started early in the 16th century. These early schools focused mainly on reading, writing and arithmetic.

*Thesis statement*: School is important for your future.

*So what?:* Students should try to do their best in school since it will help them (use in conclusion)

*Reason 1*: You need an education to get a job.

*Reason 2*: It teaches you skills you need in the future.

*Reason 3*: It develops social responsibility.

**Introduction example**

While educating our children has been part of people’s lives since humans have lived on the earth, actual formal schooling didn’t start until early in the 16th century. Such schools focused mainly on reading, writing and arithmetic and were usually run by religious institutions. The subjects and purposes of these schools have evolved over time, but one thing has remained constant, the fact that their importance and value have been questioned by almost every student alive. Despite this, however, the fact remains that school is one of the most important ways of preparing students for their life after school. This notion is simply stated in the illustrious words of Dr. Seuss, who wrote “ the more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Considering that school is designed to help people learn, it is crystal clear that is vital for success in a person’s future. While there are a multitude of reasons that support this, some of the stronger ones are as follows. Firstly, in today’s modern world, people need an education to get a decent job. Secondly, school teaches people skills they need to survive and thrive in a modern world. Lastly, it develops socially responsible citizens that can deal with the constant changes and challenges of modern day living. Obviously going to school, helps prepare people for what is yet to come in their lives.

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Opening statement and Background information: (finding a quote or asking a question can help gain readers attention)

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