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Introductions

Attention Getter: A statement, exclamation, or question that is intended to grab the reader's attention and get him/her interested in reading a paper. There are various ways to do this. The following are some ideas:

*Ask a **question**.

*State a **fact** or **statistic**.

*Begin with a **quote**.

*Begin with a **startling statement**.

*Begin with an **anecdote**.

Thesis: A statement of opinion that tells the reader what you will be discussing in the paper. In addition, it should express your main idea about that topic. The thesis comes from your prewriting material and may be one or two sentences long. (There is always the possibility that you will need to rewrite your thesis as you write your paper and change various things.)

Have you ever been to the Puyallup Fair? (attention getter) It is one of the largest fairs in the state, and it has many things to offer a wide variety of people. *The Puyallup Fair is the best fairs in Washington and will remain a great source of entertainment for many years to come.* (thesis)