

Better Introductions for ‘Papers with Research’

- 1) Read over the provided sample introductions. Choose one to analyze carefully.

SAMPLE INTRODUCTION #1

The Changing Value of Manual Labor and Work

"Why We Work" TITLE

According to professional journalist, Andrew Curry, "Some do it for love. Others do it for money. But most do it because we have no other choice" (Curry 222). This explains that there are different reasons why we work but ultimately majority of the human population do some form of work. However there are different forms to this phenomenon that we call "work". Work continues to evolve and change its focal points as the years progress. I strongly agree with the fact that, over the years history has shown that physical and factory labor was once more valid than it is today. Society is moving more toward the areas that require knowledge rather than skill.

Based on several sources and historical photos,

Put the thesis at the end of the introduction.

SAMPLE INTRODUCTION #2

History Once Cherished Manual Labor

TOO GENERAL

~~Work has always been one of the most important priorities in human lives. History has~~

shown that people of all eras have worked hard to survive in this competitive world in need of a

in his essay "Black Hair," MENTION TITLE OF WORK AS WELL AS AUTHOR

better life. The author Gary Soto states, "There are two kinds of worlds: one uses the mind and

MISSING

GOOD QUOTE!

the other uses the muscle." (Soto 232) Soto explains his idea about work that it can be of two

kinds one that uses mind which are white-collar jobs and the other uses muscles which is

manual labor, the blue-collar jobs. At today's generation, people are mainly concerned about

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Save EVIDENCE
for BODY
PARAGRAPHS

jobs that are standardized as well as highly paid. People are getting educated and professional

to work using their mind rather than or suffering from physical work at factory or construction

areas and so on. Back in (old) times, there were only few people who lived easier lives by using

their minds but there were millions of people who do manual work which were also valued at

Based on several sources and historical photos, I agree that

that time. History shows that physical and factory labor was more valued than it is today; +

~~agree that once manual labor was considered a good source of economy and people of working~~

~~class had enough income for a quality life but comparing to this 21st century manual labor has~~

~~lost its value or dignity.~~

SAMPLE INTRODUCTION #3

The Cost of New Urban Development Projects

Too broad?
Or general
statement....

Construction and architecture have brought about many changes, especially by creating bridges, tunnels, and highways. These forms of transportation also usually help reduce commuting time. Some problems with construction however are the amounts of noise and waste that are created by it. When you look at other cities and countries that have had development done however, we can see that it can be destructive to the traditional look. In "New (and Improved?) Dhehi" author Guatam Bhatia says, "All around me, a younger breed of professionals were attacking projects with the impatience of lucrative business deals--seeking to align their work with the idea of India as an industrial power" (Bhatia 296). This quote tells us how cities are transformed for money often times losing their historical looks for a more modern or global look. Some forms of construction help improve the lives of a community not just for monetary value but also for recreational purposes, as Robert Moses did when he took on the great task of cleaning up the Corona Dumps as shown in the picture below (Corona Dumps). "Building new transportation systems increase the economic development of neighborhoods, but it always comes with a cost" / ~~This statement provides a very true fact because there is always a cause and effect when we create change.~~

FRAMING QUOTE

Just 1 quote (keep it simple!)

Using several sources and photos as evidence, I agree that

PUT THESIS
LAST

- 2) Fill out the following checklist for effective introductions (after our class discussion on each item)

PUT A CHECKMARK IF THE SAMPLE INTRODUCTION MEETS THE RULE EFFECTIVELY.

PUT AN 'X' IF IT DOES NOT.

PUT A '?' IF IT NEEDS WORK (OR IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT IT).

(We will go over these rules or suggestions for effective introductions together in class)

USE THE SAME CHECKLIST FOR YOUR OWN DRAFTS!

- 3) What's good about the sample introduction? What would be good to have in your introduction.

- 4) Also, can you make one suggestion to improve this introduction and make it even better?

• **CHECKLIST FOR WRITING EFFECTIVE INTRODUCTIONS:**

___ ☐ 1) The introduction is neither **too broad** nor **too specific** and sets up the topic appropriately.

___ ☐ 2) The introduction mentions a main source (an anthology essay) by author and title correctly.

___ ☐ 3) The author uses a short 'framing quote' from a source that helps the reader understand what the topic is and that the essay will be 'written from sources' and not just personal opinion.

___ ☐ 4) The thesis AGREES or DISAGREES with the sample prompt statement using the exact wording from the essay prompt.

___ ☐ 5) The thesis statement is placed correctly at the **end** of the introduction.