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Human Rights Research Paper / Expository Essay: Paragraph 1 - Writing Your Introduction

IMPORTANT!

When writing an introduction, it is important that you (1) grab the reader's attention, (2) give some background about your topic, and (3) present a clear thesis statement to set expectations for your reader.

OUTLINE:

★ Start with a powerful QUOTATION:

★ Follow with INFORMATION about human rights:

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★ Conclude with your THESIS STATEMENT:

OUTLINE → SENTENCES:

★ Let your initial, engaging sentences be a **powerful quotation** that you **explain** in your own words.

(2+ sentences)

- Have a famous and powerful quotation and explain it in your own words.
 - Example: Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." This quotation means that we need to respect each other and stand up for each other's rights.

★ Explain what human rights are, why they are important, and why we need to protect them.

(2-3+ sentences)

- Explain the Human Rights in your own words as a definition and/or include a little history.
- Explain why Human Rights are important (*Tip: Answer the questions, “Do Human Rights protect us? Are Human Rights useful to us?”*)
 - Example: There are thirty human rights that all people are born with. It is important that people know their human rights so that they can be protected. Standing up for everyone’s human rights will make the world a more peaceful, fair place to live.

★ End your introduction with a **thesis statement**. Include an **assertion** about your **focus human rights**.

(2+ sentences)

- This is where you introduce a problem or issue to your reader. Make a general claim about the problem facing human rights in the modern world. (*Tip: Answer the question, “What is our problem?”*
Answer: “Human Rights are being violated/abused/neglected/ignored...”)
- Include the **three focus human rights** you will discuss throughout your essay.
 - Example: Although we all have human rights, the human rights to no slavery, no torture and workers’ rights are being violated around the world.
