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**Argument Writing Attention Grabbers**

**The introduction** has a "hook or grabber" to catch the reader's attention. Some "grabbers" include:

1. Opening with an unusual detail: (Manitoba, because of its cold climate, is not thought of as a great place to be a reptile. Actually, it has the largest seasonal congregation of garter snakes in the world!)

2. Opening with a strong statement: (Cigarettes are the number one cause of lighter sales in Canada!)

3. Opening with a Quotation: (Elbert Hubbard once said, "Truth is stronger than fiction.")

4. Opening with a Statistic or Fact: Sometimes a statistic or fact will add emphasis or interest to your topic. It may be wise to include the item's authoritative source.

6. Opening with an Exaggeration or Outrageous Statement. (The whole world watched as the comet flew overhead.)

7. Anecdote – short true story

Order (3 sentence minimum)

1. Attention grabber
2. Background information
3. Thesis (Although many believe (claim), many believe (rebuttal). Example: Although some believe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; many people believe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The Conclusion**

A piece of argumentative writing usually ends by summarizing the most important details of the argument and stating once again both sides of the argument.

Order (3 sentence minimum)

1. Restate your thesis or focus statement.
2. Summarize the main points: The conclusion enables your reader to recall the main points of your claim and the rebuttal. In order to do this you can paraphrase the main points of your argument.
3. Write a personal comment, prediction, question, recommendation, or quotation

You can do this: (Choose at least one)

* Personal comment (Do not use I)
* With a Prediction: This can be used with a narrative or a cause and effect discussion.
* With a Question: Closing with a question lets your readers make their own predictions, draw their own conclusions.
* With Recommendations: A recommendations closing is one that stresses the actions or remedies that should be taken.
* With a Quotation: Since a quotation may summarize, predict, question, or call for action, you may use a quotation within a conclusion for nearly any kind of paper.

**Practice on the backside**