

Creative Hook

Grab the Reader's Attention & End Your Essay with Style!

HOOK THE READER!!! GET YOUR AUDIENCE INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. How??? Begin with a creative hook that ends in a way which allows you to “tie in” to any prompt given.

The following is an example of a Creative Hook Introduction.

- Begin with a Creative Hook (story)
- The underlined writing indicates the “tie in” to the prompt given about practicing good citizenship.
- The **bold writing** indicates the thesis statement, which should always be the last sentence in your introductory paragraph.

It is sixth period, just minutes to go before the school year is over; all of the students are jumping off the walls with excitement. Summer is about to begin! Just when I thought the class couldn't get any louder, suddenly everyone is dead silent and gazing at the teacher. They recognized that she was devastated because her best class was about to leave. Suddenly, the bell rang, and all the students left, but I stood there thinking about all that I learned that year. The project that stood out the most was the community outreach project our class completed when we were studying citizenship. Being a good citizen means demonstrating obedience for laws, showing respect, and exhibiting cooperation within one's community.

Just as beginning your essay with a hook will grab the reader's attention, completing your introduction at the end of the essay will make the piece cohesive and provide satisfaction for the reader.

The concluding paragraph in your essay should be the exact opposite of the introduction.

- Begin with a **restatement of the thesis.**
- Tie-back to the Creative Hook
- Complete the interesting situation you began.

Below is the conclusion corresponding to the Creative Hook Introduction above.

By practicing good citizenship, I demonstrate obedience for laws. Also, I show respect and cooperation within my community. Suddenly, I am shaken from my reverie by my teacher. As I shake the thoughts from my mind, I see her smiling at me. “Thanks for a great year,” I say. Running quickly out the door, I head to my fun-filled summer.

Write On!



Review the following two examples of Creative Hook Introductions and Conclusions

Introduction

The girls had been giggling and telling secrets all night long. Finally, at 3:00 am, they were worn out. Tired and groggy from a long night of fudge brownies, popcorn, chick flicks, and gossip the four best friends started falling asleep one by one. It was weird how it always happened, but whenever the four of them had a sleep over, they always, always ended up in each other's dreams. It was like they were still hanging out and talking, going on adventures--only they were all sleeping. Tonight was no exception. Just as the last girl drifted off, they were all zapped into the same world. Suddenly, there they were roaming the streets of their community as part of the Teen Crime Watch Program. **Being a good citizen means demonstrating obedience for laws, showing respect, and exhibiting cooperation within one's community.**

Conclusion

By practicing good citizenship, I demonstrate obedience for laws. Also, I show respect and cooperation within my community. Suddenly I realize I am in the middle of my neighborhood in my pajamas. What am I doing here? Quickly, I look around for clues, and see my best friends. Oh yeah, Teen Crime Watch. I love my community.

Introduction

On a sunny and humid day, I tumble over from utter exhaustion at the end of a long soccer match. After a few agonizing moments, I feel myself slipping into unconsciousness. My father is running over to me with a bottle of water, but it is too late. I can hear him asking me a question, but his voice is muffled. There are other people standing all around me, trying to help me. As I black out, I am grateful my community has so many people who care. **Being a good citizen means demonstrating obedience for laws, showing respect, and exhibiting cooperation within one's community**

Conclusion

I practice good citizenship by demonstrating obedience for laws. Also, I show respect and cooperation within my community. Gradually, I come back to reality and see a ton of people around me. My dad is talking, "His eyes are opening! You OK, buddy?" he asks me. I try to talk, but I can't. As I look around me, I realize all these people came to help me. It is wonderful to be a part of a community that cares about everyone.



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Introduction

It was bright summer day at the beach and as I lay alone in the sand, I felt almost zen-like. With only a glimpse of the aqua ocean in front of me, I knew I was in paradise. My soul seemed to have immersed itself into a deep meditation in which the soft breeze upon my face was my only companion. A sudden shriek jolted me out of my peaceful state. Noticing frantic splashing in the ocean, I sprang to action. **Being a good citizen means demonstrating obedience for laws, showing respect, and exhibiting cooperation within one's community.**

Conclusion

By practicing good citizenship, I demonstrate obedience for laws. Also, I show respect and cooperation within my community. As I swim back to shore, I help the lifeguard carry the small boy who almost drowned. There are about 25 people standing on the shore, waiting for us. The boy's mom cannot stop thanking me. It feels wonderful to be a good citizen!

Introduction

Birds were chirping, the sun was shining, and I stretched luxuriously in my bed. I glanced over at the alarm clock and suddenly realized that I had overslept! Oh, no! Quickly, I leapt from my bed and raced to the closet. I grabbed the first thing I could find, threw it on, ran a comb through my hair, brushed my teeth, and barely made it outside in time to catch my ride. Today was my first day of volunteering at the community center and I did not want to be late and make a bad impression. **Being a good citizen means demonstrating obedience for laws, showing respect, and exhibiting cooperation within one's community**

Conclusion

I practice good citizenship by demonstrating obedience for laws. Also, I show respect and cooperation within my community. It was late in the afternoon when I finally trudged home after my first day of volunteering. Although I was exhausted, it was well worth it. Not only did I help people who needed assistance, I learned how important it is to give back to the community. All in all, a day that started out badly, ended fantastically!



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Now it's your turn. Write a Creative Hook Introduction and Conclusion for a thesis statement you already wrote in on your Thesis Statement Practice worksheets. Before you get started, brainstorm some topics with your classmates. Check each step as you complete it.

Make sure your Creative Hook Introduction:

- Begins with a great, creative story
- Leaves an opening for a tie-in
(Sometimes ending with a question or thought will help.)
- Ends with the thesis statement

Write a Conclusion for the Creative Hook Introduction above.

Make sure your Conclusion:

- Begins with a restatement of the thesis in two sentences
- Ties back to the prompt
- Ends the situation from the introduction

