***ENG 2D ESSAYS: INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH***

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***THE INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH:***

* Makes it clear what you are discussing (this is the **TOPIC**)
* Tells the reader how you feel about the topic, (for example, do you agree or disagree with it) (this is the **THESIS STATEMENT**)
* Includes the **three** main topics/ideas that you will use to discuss the topic and show your thesis. You have three so that each one can be expanded into a body paragraph for each. (these are the **TOPIC STATEMENTS**)
* A sentence that keeps the reader interested in what you have to say (this is a **HOOK SENTENCE**)

***EXAMPLE OF AN INTRO PARAGRAPH OUTLINE:***

 ***TOPIC:*** Death penalty

 ***THESIS:***The death penalty is an effective way to deal with society’s worst criminals.

 ***TOPIC STATEMENT 1:*** Death penalty is a cheaper way to deal with criminals

 -Explain what/who are society’s worst criminals

 -compared the costs of prison life

 -talked about costs of high-risk prisoners

 -unfair to taxpayers

 -poor people don’t get things that prisoners get

 ***TOPIC STATEMENT 2:*** Death penalty will keep people from committing serious crimes

 -People will be afraid. They won’t want to die

 -Police will prove that there are consequences to actions

 ***TOPIC STATEMENT 3:*** Citizens will feel safer

 -Less crazy criminals around

 -World will be a better place

 -No chance of prisoners escaping

 -Victim’s families will see justice/feel safer

***HOOK SENTENCE:*** .

***MAKING AN OUTLINE A PARAGRAPH:***

 Criminals are out of control today because there are no serious consequences for their actions. The death penalty is an effective way to deal with society’s worst criminals. Enforcing the death penalty will save people money by not making society pay to incarcerate serious criminals. Also, the death penalty will keep people from committing serious crimes because it is a serious deterrent. Finally, the death penalty will make regular citizens feel safer because fewer criminals will be around to cause problems. Why would anyone not want a tool that makes the world a safer place with fewer criminals?

***ASSIGNMENT:***

-Create an introductory paragraph outline AND an introductory paragraph for one of the thesis statements you created in class.

Make sure you use your notes and knowledge to make it not suck!