**Research Paper Introduction**

**Sentence 1--Lead/AGD - Interesting fact, quote, or detail (NO OP*I*NIONS)**

**Example: Walter E. Diemer accidentally invented bubble gum in 1928 while experimenting with chewing gum recipes.**

**Sentence 2-3 – These sentences state ONLY information that you will present in your paper. You will present both sides of the issue.**

**Example: Blowing bubbles is a way to focus the mind and keep you occupied on the task at hand. Chewing gum during tests can improve performance.**

**Last Sentence--Thesis/Claim – This is your THESIS statement. It tells what your entire paper is about!**

**Example: According to research, bubblegum focuses the mind, and is an easy to obtain strategy for improving test performance.**

**Complete Introduction:**

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