***Do’s and Don’t of an Introductory Paragraph:***

DO craft a thesis statement.

DO get to the point of the paper.

DO grab to reader’s attention.

DO NOT use statements like, “I will talk about…” or “This essay is about…”

DO NOT apologize or suggest that you know nothing about the topic.

***Helpful ways to start your paper…***

1. A Historical Review
2. Anecdote
3. Surprising Statement
4. Famous Person
5. Declarative
6. Question