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Besides structure, though, there's one other important point you should know about writing: the first sentence of every paragraph you write, whether it's in an essay or not, should be a topic sentence. In other words, you must start each paragraph with a clear topic so the reader can follow your train of thought.

**Introductory Paragraphs.** The introductory paragraph is the first-paragraph in the persuasive essay. I teach my students that their introductory paragraphs should have three parts: an attention-catcher, a thesis, and a preview. The introductory paragraph is perhaps the most important paragraph in the essay because it is the first and possibly last chance to make an impact on the reader.

1 Revised February 2015 Helpful Hints: IEP Goals Objectives & Benchmarks  
Ensure goals relate to information in the child's Evaluation Team Report (ETR) and/or most  
Accountability in the Information Literacy Program- Mike Eisenberg's vodcast #3; excellent series  
Elementary Library Routines- this information wiki was created by four librarians and covers everything a school librarian needs to know, from AV equipment management to floor plans.