

Introduction Paragraph Sample

Use the following student introduction paragraph to label the following:

- Highlight and label the HOOK in one color.
- Highlight and label the BACKGROUND INFORMATION in a different color.
- Highlight the THESIS STATEMENT in a different color AND label the three sections of a thesis (answer the question, because..., so what?).

NOTE: This essay is NOT perfect!

Prompt:

You have now read "New Study Reveals Oreos Are Addictive Due to High Sugar and Fat Content" by Kathleen Megan and "Food Industry Waging a Bitter Battle Over Proposal on Added-sugar Labels" by Evan Halper. Consider some of the effects of sugar on human health. Then, write an *INFORMATIVE ESSAY* that **EXPLAINS** whether or not the government should be allowed to make rules about labeling foods with added sugar. Be sure to cite evidence from **both texts** to support your argument. Follow the conventions of standard written English.

Student Response:

Thousands of people eat high-sugar foods daily, but what they may not know is that these foods can be just as addictive as drugs. A recent proposal to show consumers how much sugar these foods really contain has sparked much debate within the food production community. Many people, including politicians and major food company employees, have spoken up on why they believe this rule is not necessary. The government should make a rule mandating food companies to show the added-sugar contents in their products because Americans deserve to know what they are eating instead of believing the lies on the food labels.