

Introduction

- Goal is to introduce the research project to your audience and draw the reader in (Start with a story!!)
 - Gives context of the research
 - Gives necessary background information
 - Explains why your project is important (vaguely)
 - Usually, the last sentence is the thesis statement (the main idea of your paper)
 - Structure, length and content depend on discipline and research (and mentor)
1. Why do we need an introduction?
 2. What do we want to include?
 3. What should we not include?

Style considerations - The reader doesn't want to read everything you know about a subject. Present background information *only as needed* in order to support a position.