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US History

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Introduction Paragraphs

Presentation: [Writing a DBE: Intro Paragraphs](#)

Notes:

Activity 1: Coming Soon...

Instructions: Select a movie trailer for any movie (old, current, or upcoming) and Identify the Parts of an Intro paragraph as they relate to the trailer.

Movie Trailer #1: 

[Intro paragraph](#)

[Hook:](#) The attention-grabber



[Historical Context:](#) the historical background that impacts your argument



[Thesis:](#) The central point of focus in your essay



Roadmap: Topics you will discuss



Movie Trailer #2: 

[Intro paragraph](#)


[Hook:](#) The attention-grabber




[Historical Context:](#) the historical background that impacts your argument



[Thesis:](#) The central point of focus in your essay



Roadmap: Topics you will discuss



Activity 2: Exemplars

Instructions: Using the highlight tool, **Identify** the 4 elements of an introduction paragraph using the example below.

The American Revolution might be the most influential war in world history, shaping the way for America to grow from 13 small colonies to a global superpower with command on the world stage. With people living in the colonies growing more and more tired of abuses by the crown on them, tensions were high. The people had developed a sense of national identity different from that of Britain and wanted some sort of representation in parliament. A growing number of radical colonists called for independence and had differing opinions on how to go about it. With new taxes such as the Tea and Stamp Acts going into effect, and the colonists growing ever more tired of British rule, something had to be done. Due to a large amount of offenses committed by the British crowns on the colonies, coupled with a growing sense of national identity among the people, the American people were completely and undoubtedly justified in declaring independence from Britain. The British offenses against the colonists, a growing sense of national identity, and the want for representation led to the colonists to declare themselves independent.

Instructions: Using the highlight tool, **Identify** the 4 elements of an introduction paragraph using the example below.

For centuries, wars such as the American Revolution have been deemed as sacrosanct, heroic battles for independence and freedom. “The Good War” of 1775, as referred to by the

eminent historian, Howard Zinn has been depicted as the war in which the colonies battled against the tyrannical British Parliament due to their oppressive and unreasonable policies, and thus has received perpetual extolment. However, was the American Revolution truly a grand and indispensable war by which the vulnerable colonists justifiably revolted against the bloodthirsty British? The Realities of such a remarkable struggle show otherwise. Instead, the revolution was a mere arbitrary battle caused by the impatience and indignation of one-third of the populace, resulting in the bloodshed of a quarter of a million lives. (Zinn) Despite the perennial praise of the American Revolution, realities such as the subjective portrayal of the British, unnecessary overreaction on the Colonist's behalf, and the American lifestyle subsequent to the war, clearly showcase the fact that the Americans were not justified in their Revolution.