

Charlotte Brooks: Intro Paragraph Rubric

First sentence:

- Vague
- Questionable relevance to topic
- Clichéd

Context:

- Too detailed
- Too broad/vague
- Does not lead to thesis logically/clearly/directly
- Confusing

Thesis:

- Too vague
- Descriptive rather than argumentative
- Does not make an argument
- Makes a broad/vague/unproveable claim
- Needs to be narrowed down
- Does not address significance

Prose:

- Passive voice
- Grammar/spelling
- Clarity
- Word choice