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Sample Introduction

Sample Hook/thesis statement:

Gerald Ford was the most influential president in American history.

Interesting idea/s that supports your thesis statement. 1-2 ideas are useful– do not go overboard. The idea is to draw in the reader, not to overwhelm.

After officially ending America's involvement in Vietnam, Ford was able to focus on changes that would help many Americans.

His devotion to education for all and the reform of the CIA had a lasting impact on American society.

Wrap up the introduction, but leave the reader wanting to continue!

Although he was not elected by the people, President Ford had a positive impact on American society, especially by restoring faith in the executive branch.

Sample Body Paragraph1

Topic Sentence 1:

President Ford was able to bring great changes to America.

Explanation / Example:

The most important thing Ford did was to_____. This helped Americans because_____.

A hook engages the reader. In a persuasive essay this will be a point of view that you will defend in the rest of the paper. This sentence can be simple or complex. 'Robots should.....' 'The Apollo 13 mission is proof that...'

A thesis statement tells what the whole paper will be about. It is the backbone of the paper. It is what you are attempting to prove with the explanations and examples.

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A topic sentence
contains the main
idea of each
paragraph.

Explanation / Example:

Another important thing Ford was able to do was _____.
The impact of this was huge because _____.

Explanation / Example:

Ford was also able to _____, which allowed America
to _____.

Clincher:

Sample Conclusion

Restatement / Strengthening of Thesis Statement:

Due to his devotion to the United States and commitment to its
people, Gerald Ford was the most important president in history.

Use the same strategy for the introduction, except your ideas should be wrapping up,
leading up to the final sentence.

Ford was able to _____, _____, and
_____.

See above

America became a better place to live because he was the leader.

Stick the Landing!

Commitment, honesty, leadership, and determination allowed Gerald
Ford to become the greatest president in American history.

Try not to use the exact
same words as you did
in the introduction

Make sure your last
sentence is big, bold
and important. Do not
say: "I learned a lot and
hope you did too." If it
sounds like something a
6th grader would write,
do not use it. Your

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