

**Introduction:**

**Example in Sample Paper**

**Why it's a good example**

<p><b>CONTEXT:</b> Identify the problem. Explain why the topic of research is important</p>	<p>“According to Madison C. Ratycz, Thomas J. Papadimos, and Allison A. Vanderbilt of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences at the University of Toledo, <b>drug overdose deaths</b> in the United States <b>more than tripled</b> from 1999 to 2016 (Ratycz, Madison C., et al. 1).”</p>	<p>Cites a source, identifies the problem and its importance.</p>
<p><b>CLAIM/THESIS:</b> Research question and the goal/purpose of the paper</p>	<p>“<b>European countries, Asian countries, and other North American countries</b> are battling the opioid as well.”</p> <p>“<b>What can the United States learn</b> from the successes and failures of other countries in addressing their heroin epidemics and <b>apply to its own heroin epidemic?</b>”</p>	<p>Tells what body paragraphs are about.</p> <p>Identifies a specific issue, sets up the solution/conclusion (“apply to its own”).</p>
<p><b>LINE OF REASONING:</b> Moves the paper along and identifies what the paragraphs will be about and how they connect</p> <p>Gives the order of your paper in an organized way</p>	<p>“Ratycz and her colleagues assert that heroin especially <b>contributed to this increase</b> in overdose deaths (Ratycz, Madison C., et al. 1).”</p> <p>“Shane Darke of the National Drug Abuse and Research Center at the University of New South Wales clarifies that <b>“overdose” is a catch-all term</b> used to describe heroin-related deaths in general; most heroin-related deaths are caused by <b>polydrug toxicity</b> (Darke 2061).”</p> <p>“As such, the issue discussed hereinafter is heroin-related mortality in general, not <b>heroin-related mortality caused by dosage.</b>”</p> <p>“As stated, heroin-related mortality has reached <b>epidemic proportions in the U.S.</b>”</p>	<p>Introduces the different claims that connect to the thesis and sets up the structure of the body paragraphs.</p> <div data-bbox="1073 1226 1549 1591"><p><b>Things to Remember!</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The introduction should be no more than a page</li><li>• The area of investigation should be clearly stated</li><li>• There should be a variety of scholarly/academic sources cited</li><li>• Include your thesis!! Make sure it establishes structure, lenses, and perspective</li></ul></div>