



Guide Sheet for Writing the Introduction

Name

Contentious statement

What are the Key words and phrases in the statement? Write down what they mean. Try to get different definitions and compare them. Make sure you fully understand the terms used.

Does this question have a history? When did it start becoming important? Have particular events or changes made the question more or less important these days?

Is the question particularly important in a particular place or part of the world? Are there places where it is not particularly relevant and others where it is really contentious?

Why is it important? What hangs on the resolution of this question?

What would happen if we could all clearly agree it was true?

What would happen if we could all agree it was false?

Are there dangers to people believing the wrong truth about this statement?

Now try to put together your introduction with as much detail as possible. Make the points in separate paragraphs, and try to get them to flow together.

Your introduction should have a title and a list of the research team that has worked on this project. The title should have the contentious statement and a sub title saying that this is an investigation into the evidence for and against the truth of this statement.