

Investigating Introductions in Expository Writing

After reading a text, go back to the introduction and investigate what the author is doing. Fill in the spaces below with the appropriate source information and complete the following table.

Title of Text: _____

Type of Text: _____ Author: _____

<p>What is the introduction about?</p> <p>What is the writer saying?</p>	
<p>What is the writer <i>doing</i> in the introduction?</p> <p><i>Be sure to begin your statement with a verb. See the examples on the right.</i></p>	<p>The writer is...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>sharing a short narrative</i> • <i>providing background information</i> • <i>introducing research</i> • <i>doing something else not listed here</i> <hr/> <p>(Write your statement here.)</p>
<p>Why did the writer decide to begin this way? What is the purpose?</p> <p><i>To answer this question you might need to consider the whole text.</i></p>	
<p>What makes this introduction effective or ineffective? Explain.</p>	