

How to present background information

(Using only 2-3 Sentence)

- Your first sentence is an **Attention Grabber**. Here you can ask **a question or make a BOLD statement**.
- Your next sentence should present a **period in time** e.g. **Recently, Today, For years, In 2019** etc. This immediately shows historical information (i.e. background information about the topic).
- Remember: Depend on the knowledge that you already have about the topic! Recall what you have read in newspapers, on social media or simply by having conversations with others etc.

1. Legalized Gambling: (2 Sentences)

- a. **Have we become a society without a spiritual compass or are we so desperate for financial gain that anything goes? Recently, states across the country have been entertaining the idea of opening local casinos, thus legalizing gambling.** Personally, I believe that legalized gambling is morally wrong because...

2. Felon Voting (2 Sentences)

- a. **He or she without sin, cast the first stone! Today, there are thousands of men and women in our society that have served time in prison, but should they continue to be punished by not having the right to vote?** I say, No! Felons should have the right to vote because...

3. Schools Teaching Cursive Writing (3 Sentences)

- a. **If a man cannot write, then he cannot read! For years, cursive writing has been a part of the school's curriculum. Students did not only have to know how to write in cursive, they also had to know how to read cursive writing.** These skills were essential to teach then and should be equally essential to teach now because...

Note: The non-highlighted sentence is where you move into your thesis statement (i.e. **your position statement**).