

Introduction Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions for a Narrative Introduction

Directions: Critique the story beginnings by discussing answers to these questions in your groups.

1. How does the author introduce one or more characters in an engaging way? What could be improved?
2. How does the author introduce the setting in an engaging way? What could be improved?
3. What is the central conflict? If it is unclear, what do you recommend for revision?
4. Is there something missing in the introduction?
5. Is there an effective title or would you recommend another one?
6. Does the beginning attract your attention? What strategy does the author use that motivates you to keep reading? For example, are there sensory details about a setting, an action that describes what a character is doing, dialogue between characters, an internal monologue, a reaction of the narrator or character to a situation, or some other strategy?