

Introduction

- Starts with a general discussion of the topic
 - Example: The years leading up to 1914 and WWI was full of unrest in Europe.
- General issues relating to the topic
 - These are reflective of your topics for your body paragraphs
 - Example: over the years leading up to the outbreak of war there was competition between many countries in terms of imperialism as well as militarism. Then too, this unrest lead to a need for countries to align themselves in order to protect their borders and their national pride.
- Thesis
 - Must be concise and an argument
 - Example: The assassination of Franz Ferdinand was simply the trigger incident and not the cause of WWI and the causes in fact were long term.