



How to write a **SOLID** *introduction*

GENERAL PAPER

GENERATE INTEREST

- Starting the intro with a **BANG** sets the right tone and perspective for the entire essay.
- Interest can be generated through
 - Definition of key concepts in the question [simply define the keys in the question]
 - Quote [provide a quote given by a famous person or subject relevant to the question]
 - Statistic [cite a relevant statistic relevant to the contents of the question]
- I prefer to **Define the key terms** of the question as it provides greater **clarity** to the **parameters** I am setting for the question.

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E.g. 'Historical buildings are relics of the past. How true is this of your society'

Historical Buildings: Refer to older, more traditional buildings with a traditional or heritage-like stigma attached to them. Buildings which are more than 50 years old.

Relics: An artefact, almost giving off a notion of unwantedness. Once treasured and of high value.

Past: Define in this essay as anything between 50-100 years ago, buildings deemed to have been created and passed on from previous generations, excluding the current generation.

Your Society: My society of Singapore, UK, Australia (depending on where you are from) → Provide characteristics of your society (i.e. pragmatism, materialism, modernity, pampered)

→ Phrase this in sentences with **transition words** and the first part of your **INTRODUCTION** is done!

EXPLAIN THE TENSION

- Once you have generated some interest, the next step is to **acknowledge** the possible areas for conflict in your essay.
- This can be done by simply drafting out the **reasons for tension** and who the **2 opposing sides** may be.
 - State the various stakeholders involved.
 - State the reason for possible conflicts.

EXPLAIN THE TENSION

E.g. 'Should crimes that were committed many years ago simply be forgotten?'

- Standing **on the side** of justice, it is only right to not let these pass. However, **some may argue** that there are exceptions and second chances should be given.
- The **fight** between people who are pro-life and pro-death (in cases of death penalties).
- **Conflict** between the law and equity.

PROVIDE A STAND

- Once you have provided neutrality by offering the possible perspectives to the question, you need to come up with your **OWN** stand which will carry through the entire essay.
- This stand should be **firm** with a **strong justification**.
 - This can be done with the use of '**Large/Small extent**'.

E.g 'How far is your country prepared for future crisis?'

- Hence, with the upgrades in my country's technology and a common ideology amongst the people in all 5 areas of defence, my country is prepared for all types of crises, ranging from military to social, to a **large extent**.



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