**Schaffer Writing Terms**

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| **Terms** **You Need to Know**     * Introductory Paragraph:  Introduces your topic and gives the reader a preview of what your paper will be about.   + Attention Getter:  The first sentence of your paper that grabs the readers attention.         Example:  A quote, question, personal story, interesting fact, etc.   + Thesis Statement:  a well formed sentence that tells the reader what the main point of your paper will be.   + Tie In:  Background or relevant information that ties your attention getter and your thesis together. * Body Paragraph:  These are the facts and analysis that will prove your thesis.   + Topic Sentence:  a sentence that introduces what your body paragraph will be about.   + Concrete Detail:  A hard fact from your prior knowledge, source, or text.   + Commentary:  Your in depth analysis of your concrete detail.  It should explain why your concrete detail is important in proving your thesis.   + Conclusion Sentence:  a sentence that sums up the main idea of your body paragraph. * Conclusion Paragraph:  Should sum up the main points of your paper and leave the reader with a lasting impression of your main idea. |