**Of Mice and Men Paper Introduction**

Your introduction needs to have a hook to encourage the reader to explore your paper further.

- Can the death of a man and a dog really be compared?
- People are much more alike than they are different.
- Humans have a universal need for companionship.
- Quote about dreams or goal
- A nameless woman plays a critical role in the book Of Mice and Men.
- All people are handicapped in some way.

What is a **hook** that you could use for your paper? Write it on the back of this page.

The last sentence of the first paragraph should clearly communicate the purpose for your paper. We usually consider this sentence the **thesis/extended thesis** or **focus statement** for your paper.

Does the information you have written in your body paragraphs really explain one of the themes or messages in the book? If so, your thesis statement might actually be about how a theme is developed in the book.

Steinbeck develops the theme ________ (name a theme found in the book: friendship, isolation, loss of the American Dream, need for understanding, achieving dreams/goals)

________________________ by ______ (what you talk about in your paper) ____________________.

Steinbeck develops the theme that

Does the information in your body paragraphs help you understand what happened in the story? If so, use this understanding for your thesis statement.

By looking at ______ (what you look at in the story) __________________, the reader understands __________ (what you have learned by doing a close reading) ____________________.

In between the hook and the thesis, you should include a general purpose for writing and take the reader from your hook to the thesis.
Paragraph Outlines: Introduction

Hook: _________________________________________________________________
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General Purpose for writing: DO NOT USE, “In this paper . . .”! You will receive your paper back to rewrite.
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Take the reader from the general to the specific topic of your paper.
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Thesis/Focus Statement: _______________________________________________________________