

## Ten-Minute Workshop on Introduction

Writer of the essay: \_\_\_\_\_

Peer editor (reader of the essay): \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions to the peer editor: answer the questions after reading your classmate's first page. Remember that the opening paragraphs of an essay should answer the following questions:

1. What topic (problem, issue) will this paper address? Be precise. A broad or vague topic may not encourage readers to pay attention.
2. Why should readers be interested in this topic? (Has the writer explained or implied why the paper is worth reading?)
3. What is the thesis—the central or controlling idea of the essay? Either quote it directly from the paper (using quotation marks), or paraphrase it.

**Thesis:**