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What are the 4 parts of a short story

© 1996-2014, Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates My son's Italian landlord in Brooklyn kept a shed out back in which he cured and smoked salamis. One night, in the midst of a wave of petty vandalism and theft, the shed was broken into and the salamis were taken. My son talked to his landlord about it the next day, commiserating over the vanished sausages. The landlord was resigned and philosophical, but corrected him: 'They were not sausages. They were salamis.' Then the incident was written up in one of the city's more prominent magazines as an amusing and colourful urban incident. In the article, the reporter called the stolen goods 'sausages'. My son showed the article to his landlord, who hadn't seen it. The landlord was interested and pleased that the magazine had seen fit to report the incident, but he added: 'They weren't sausages. They were salamis.' A Story Told to Me by a Friend A friend of mine told me a sad story the other day about a neighbour of hers. He had begun a correspondence with a stranger through an online dating service. The friend lived hundreds of miles away, in North Carolina. The two men exchanged messages and then photos and were soon having long conversations, at first in writing and then by phone. They found that they had many interests in common, were emotionally and intellectually compatible, were comfortable with each other and were physically attracted to each other, as far as they could tell on the Internet. Their professional interests, too, were close, my friend's neighbour being an accountant and his new friend down South an assistant professor of economics at a small college. After some months, they seemed to be well and truly in love, and my friend's neighbour was convinced that 'this was it', as he put it. When some vacation time came up, he arranged to fly down south for a few days and meet his Internet love. During the day of travel, he called his friend two or three times and they talked. Then he was surprised to receive no answer. Nor was his friend at the airport to meet him. After waiting there and calling several more times, my friend's neighbour left the airport and went to the address his friend had given him. No one answered when he rang. Every possibility went through his mind. Here, some parts of the story are missing, but my friend told me that what her neighbour learned was that, on that very day, even as he was on his way south, his Internet friend had died of a heart attack while on the phone with his doctor; my friend's neighbour, having learned this either from the man's neighbour or from the police, had made his way to the local morgue; he had been allowed to view his Internet friend; and so it was here, face to face with a dead man, that he first laid eyes on the one who, he had been convinced, was to have been his companion for life. Notes During Long Phone Conversation with Mother for summer - she needs pretty dress - cotton cotton noticc coonnt toonct tocnot tocnot tocnont On the Train We are united, he and I, though strangers, against the two women in front of us talking so steadily and audibly across the aisle to each other. Bad manners. Later in the journey I look over at him (across the aisle) and he is picking his nose. As for me, I am dripping tomato from my sandwich on to my newspaper. Bad habits. I would not report this if I were the one picking my nose. I look again and he is still at it. As for the women, they are now sitting together side by side and quietly reading, clean and tidy, one a magazine, one a book. Blameless. Susie Brown Will Be In Town Susie Brown will be in town. She will be in town to sell her things. Susie Brown is moving far away. She would like to sell her queen mattress. Do we want her ottoman? Do we want her bath items? It is time to say goodbye to Susie Brown. We have enjoyed her friendship. We have enjoyed her tennis lessons. Yi Zhou Yi Zhou EXCLUSIVE: Filmmaker Yi Zhou is turning a collection of four of her short films into NFTs, and will donate all proceeds generated to United Nations Crisis Relief to support Ukraine. The films all center around peace and the peace sign and are described as abstract takes on the idea of freedom. The titles of the four shorts are the Greek name for peace: εἰρήνη #1, εἰρήνη #2, εἰρήνη#3, εἰρήνη #4. The campaign is aiming to generate at least \$100,000 in relief funds with each film NFT minted for \$25,000 each. They will be sold exclusively through the Open Sea platform. Yi Zhou previously made a short with the participation of Jackie Chan and Princess and actress Clotilde Courau for climate change in South Africa in 2012. In 2016 she was invited by UNESCO Paris to create a short with YiZhouStudio for World Ocean Day. She has also had shorts shown at Sundance and Cannes. "Film is art and it's an expression of our time. Our time is in crisis therefore art should service and amend broken realities," commented the filmmaker. Subscribe to Deadline Breaking News Alerts and keep your inbox happy. 1 Begin with a quote to give weight to your argument. This hook works well in both personal writing and academic essays as long as you choose an appropriate quote. For instance, avoid using inspirational quotes in an academic paper, but one may be appropriate for something more personal, such as a blog post.[2] Make sure the quote is related to your argument. It should lead into what you're saying in your introduction. 2 Select a bold statement for a dynamic introduction. A bold statement expresses an opinion in a provocative way. Choose a statement that is original or controversial in some way, as opposed to noting a common fact. Be sure you can support your statement with facts and evidence![:3] For example, if you're writing an argumentative essay that is intended to convince school administrator to do away with homework, you could say, "Homework does not contribute to a student's academic success.[:4] Advertisement 3 Choose a simple story to illustrate where your writing will go. A short anecdote is a fun way to draw your readers in. However, it must be relevant to your topic, or you'll end up confusing readers. It also shouldn't be more than a paragraph long, particularly if you are writing a short essay or text.[5] An anecdote can be fictional or real, but you typically phrase it like you would if you're telling a story to a friend, though you still want to keep it professional. For example, you might write, "Once, long ago, a single branch of animals broke off from a group of predators in the chain of evolution. These animals had sharp teeth, were fierce predators, and soon developed a hypercarnivorous nature. Eventually, this chain led to the purring animal you have sitting in your lap: the domesticated house cat." 4 Write an example for a concrete way to introduce your topic. An example is similar to a story, except it usually comes from real life. Try writing it in a more straightforward style than a story.[6] For instance, if you're writing about cat traits, you could share a short example about a trait you witnessed in one of your cats. 5 Opt for a broad statement for a straightforward approach. Choose a statement that's broad in the sense that you are leading to a more specific main idea. However, it shouldn't be so broad that you confuse the reader. For instance, if you're writing about domesticated cat traits, don't start with the evolution of the universe, as that's a bit broad. You could, however, start with a few sentences about how evolution led to the current traits of cats. You might write, "The domesticated cat, in all its predatory aloofness, has taken thousands of years to evolve into your perfect lap cat." 6 Ask a question to get the reader thinking. Choose a thought-provoking question that will grab the reader's interest and get them thinking about the topic. Avoid restating a question that the topic asks and don't use a cliché. For instance, if you're writing about water quality in your community, you could begin with a question like, "Did you know that drinking water is legally allowed to contain lead?" 7 Avoid starting with a definition unless it is truly relevant. This technique has been used so much that it's become trite. Therefore, unless you really need that definition to introduce your topic, it's best to skip it. Advertisement 1 Provide context to give your book meaning. This part of the introduction gets you and your reader from the hook to the main idea of your paper or text. Provide some background information on the hook you just used or establish how it relates to your topic.[7] For example, if you used a quote, you might say, "That quote, from renowned scientist John Biologist, shows just how far cats have come over the course of evolution." 2 Narrow your ideas from broad to specific to focus your introduction. Often, your hook is a bit broader than your main idea, which is fine. In this transitional area, use sentences that gradually narrow down your topic until you hit the specific idea you want to discuss.[8] For instance, if you started with a story about how cats evolved in an essay on cat traits, you might start narrowing by first discussing what traits they inherited from their ancestors. Then, you can move on to the traits they've developed since branching off from other predators. 3 Introduce specifics to establish your topic. In these transition sentences, begin adding specifics to give the reader an idea of where you're headed. Use these specific points to move towards your main topic.[9] For example, you might write, "It's impossible to talk about the characteristics of cats without at least mentioning evolution. However, I will focus primarily on the contemporary genes of domesticated cats." Here, you're letting the reader know that your main idea is genes in domestic cats, so you've gotten more specific. However, you're still moving to your main idea sentence, where you'll specify just what genes you plan to cover. 4 Provide just enough information to convince people to read your text. Give enough information that your reader is interested in reading your paper and is able to follow along with what you're saying. However, don't give your whole argument, as then the reader doesn't have an incentive to read your paper. The introduction helps engage your readers. The trick is finding the right balance between providing enough information to pique their interest, but not giving so much information that you answer every question upfront. For instance, you might talk about how you plan on showing how cats evolved to be the perfect predators, but you don't necessarily need to tell them how in the introduction. Advertisement 1 Establish your topic by using a clear, concise statement. This statement is the main idea for your text. Generally, you write a single sentence to establish your main idea or ideas, and it is the most specific part of your introduction. This sentence should go at the end of your introductory paragraph.[10] For instance, if your argument is that domesticated cat traits prove they are direct descendants of larger predators, you might write, "The domesticated cat exhibits characteristics that prove its ancestors were large predators." 2 Include your main points to give your readers guidance. Part of establishing your argument is giving your readers a preview of what's to come. Establish guideposts, which are specific phrases or sentences that tell the reader exactly what you plan to cover in your text. That way, your reader knows to look for those topics as they read your paper.[11] For instance, you could add this to the statement: "With its sharp teeth, carnivorous nature, and stealthy hunting skills, the domesticated cat exhibits characteristics that prove its ancestors were large predators, a fact demonstrated by the characteristics it shares with the larger cats of the world." This statement establishes that you're going to focus on those 3 traits and that you plan to show a connection to other members of the feline family. In some cases, you might choose not to introduce your main points in the introduction. As long as you explain them in the body of your paper and they relate back to your thesis, this is fine. 3 Place your main ideas at the end of your introduction. By convention, your main ideas statement provides the transition between your introduction and the rest of your text. Therefore, it goes right before you begin the body of your text. However, if you need to do so, you can include a transition sentence to help your reader understand that you're moving onward. Advertisement 1 Use original phrasing to make your introduction more interesting. It's tempting to use cliches or overused expressions in an introduction, especially if you don't really know what to say. However, you'll start out your essay by boring your reader, which is not a great place to begin.[12] Skip phrases or cliches like "A penny saved is a penny earned." or "The early bird catches the worm." The exception is if you can explain how the phrase connects to your topic in a unique way or in a way in which the reader would not expect. Similarly, skip formulaic introductions, such as "This essay is about..... and here is my thesis...."[13] 2 Ensure your introduction is appropriate for the style of text. A very informal introduction is generally not appropriate for an academic essay, particularly a scientific one. On the other hand, a stiff, formal introduction usually doesn't work well in a blog post. As you write your introduction, think about whether it's an appropriate style. 3 Revisit your introduction after you've finished the text to see if it fits. It's perfectly normal to write your introduction before the rest of your text. However, your argument may change over the course of writing. Therefore, you should give your introduction a read-through to make sure it still introduces the text well. Additionally, when your rephrase your thesis in your conclusion, you can check to see if your introduction is still relevant to the text. Check the points you mentioned in your introduction that you planned on bringing up in your paper. Did you hit them all? 4 Write your introduction after the body to make it easier to compose. Sometimes, when you're beginning your text, you may not know exactly all the points you want to make. Plus, if you're like many people, you may find the introduction the hardest part to write. If that's the case, coming back to it later can get you going on the text. Advertisement Add New Question Question Where can I find a sample essay that identifies the thesis statement, supporting paragraphs, concluding paragraphs, and introduction? If you search for "sample essay with parts labeled" on Google, you should be able to find some sample essays (or at least portions of essays) with each part of the essay highlighted. 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