

Examples from Bad Essays! When Bad essays happen to good people...

BAD BEGINNINGS:

A. Using a lame beginning

1. This paper is about global warming.
2. I am writing to tell you...



B. Writing vague sentences

Example: Fishing and hunting. Are they good or bad? That's what this paper is going to talk about. There are so many views of why hunting is right. Sometimes it may be right, and sometimes it may be wrong. It's always better to be right than wrong. Are you with me?

BAD ENDINGS:

A. Apologizing for yourself

1. Well, that's just my opinion...
2. I'm no expert, and that's all I know (or that's all I have to say), etc.

B. Repeating your main idea (thesis) in exactly the same words or words that are nearly the same.

C. Adding new information at the very end.

1. An amazing new piece of information is...
2. There is a new article that says...

D. Ending with a cliché

1. All's well that ends well.
2. And these are the true facts.

Write a beginning for an essay on global warming. It's easy. Use a quote, an anecdote, a question, a startling fact, a proverb, etc.

Write a conclusion for an essay on global warming. It's easy. Use a summary, a prediction, an evaluation, a visual image, etc.

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