

LC Essay Sentence Outline – Introductory Paragraph

Give background information for the story & character.

Example for Scrooge from *A Christmas Carol*:

I. A. Background information

- 1. Charles Dickens**
- 2. *A Christmas Carol***
- 3. Ebenezer Scrooge**
- 4. London in the 1800's**
- 5. The problem Scrooge faces is that if he doesn't change his personality and become a nicer man, then he will become a tortured ghost wrapped with chains after he dies.**

B. During the course of the story, Scrooge is visited by three ghosts who persuade him to become a better man by showing him his past, present, and future.

C. At first, Scrooge is self-centered and selfish, but by the end of the story he learns the importance of being part of humanity and is more charitable and kind.

Example for Maijue in “An Unforgettable Journey”:

I. A. Background information

- 1. Maijue Xiong**
- 2. “An Unforgettable Journey”**
- 3. Maijue**
- 4. Laos to Taiwan to America**
- 5. Because Maijue’s father had helped the Americans and the CIA during the Vietnam War, after the Communist forces win, Maijue’s family must flee for their lives.**

B. During the story, Maijue describes the difficult, three year journey she is forced to take with her family, enduring hardships and tragedy in order find a better life in the United States.

C. In the beginning of the story, Maijue is a timid and scared little girl, but by the end of the story, she is a confident young woman, who has learned to adjust to a new life in America.

