

WRITING AN INTRODUCTION

General Statement Introduction

Today **smoking** is an issue which is on everybody's mind. The whole country is divided on this issue. Some people believe that smoking should be banned everywhere while others are not so harsh.

← Topic introduced with a Hook

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Tobacco should be outlawed because smoking endangers everyone's health, pollutes the environment, and drains people of valuable energy.

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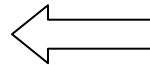
Question Introduction

Should **smoking** be
banned in all public places?
This question is the subject of
many discussions and
arguments in towns across our
country. **Smoking should be
outlawed because it
endangers everyone's health,
it pollutes the environment,
and it drains people of
valuable energy.**



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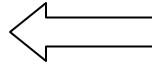


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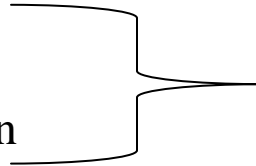
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Statistical Introduction

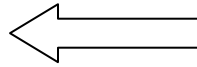
An article in the New York Times recently stated that **smoking** is the greatest threat to our health. The whole country is divided on this issue. **Tobacco should be outlawed because it endangers everyone's health, it pollutes the environment, and drains valuable resources.**



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Anecdote Introduction

Seven-year-old Tyler Smith has one thing in common with thousands of other children in the United States ... he has lost a parent to a smoking-related illness. In 2009 Tyler's mother died at age 36 from emphysema; the result of a smoking habit she started at age 15. Smoking kills many people every year; people with families who will never see them again. Tobacco should be outlawed because it endangers everyone's health, it pollutes the environment, and drains valuable resources.

Topic introduced with a longer Hook

Claim!

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