Peer Review Guidelines for the Introduction

1) Does the introduction include a clear statement of the research question?
   a. Where is the research question presented? Is this the appropriate location?
2) Does the introduction identify the larger context for the work?
   a. Does it oversell or undersell the work?
3) Does the introduction create a logical flow from the larger context to the specific research question?
   a. Does the introduction reflect a good syllogism?
4) Does the introduction funnel from broad to specific?
5) Do paragraphs need to be reordered?
   a. Does the introduction indicate a thorough review/ understanding of the literature?
6) Does the introduction include citations?
   a. What type of articles (e.g. keywords) should be found?
   b. Reviews are fine for larger context. Primary literature for specifics.
7) Does the last paragraph set the stage for the research question?
   a. Is the research question justified?
8) Is the writing concise?
   a. Avoid repetition? Are there sentences that can be removed? What about extra, fluffy words?
9) Are transitions appropriate within and among paragraphs?
   a. Does each paragraph have a clear thesis, supporting information/ examples, and conclusion?