

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?