**Exemplars- Persuasive Introductions/Hooks & Thesis Statements**

Topic: Internet changes mankind’s cognitive process

*Possible* thesis for the article entitled “Is Google Making Us Stupid”:

The Internet, although a tremendously efficient instrument for gathering and transmitting information, has irrevocably altered man’s cognitive abilities, changing how we think and leaving us incapable of maintaining concentration.

NOTE: Notice a position or stance is taken, (The Internet… has irrevocably altered man’s cognitive abilities…) two reasons to support the position are provided, (changing how we think and leaving us incapable of maintaining concentration), and a counterclaim has been included (tremendously efficient instrument for gathering and transmitting information).

Topic: Parents lying to their children

Have you ever lied to your children to spare their feelings? Have you lied to make them behave in the way that you believe appropriate? Have you noticed the impact it may have on their future? Although dishonesty may sometimes seem the reasonable and appropriate thing to do in certain circumstances, ultimately parents’ lying may cause children to become emotionally damaged, may give children reasons not to trust parents in the future, and can encourage children to become chronic liars themselves; therefore, parents should always be honest with their children.

NOTE: Notice a position or stance is taken, (Parents should always be honest with their children.) three reasons to support the position are provided, (parents’ lying may cause children to become emotionally damaged, may give children reasons not to trust parents in the future, and can encourage children to become chronic liars themselves), and a counterclaim has been included (Although dishonesty may sometimes seem the reasonable and appropriate thing to do in certain circumstances).