**MLA Introductory Paragraph**

**Thesis – What is my paper about?**

**OR**

**What is my paper going to prove?**

**Introduction Paragraph**

**Sports have been a part of human societies for centuries. Some were created to improve skills needed in everyday life. Others were invented simply to relieve the stress of daily life. Basketball is a sport that was created purely for enjoyment.**

**Its beginnings were humble and the equipment and rules were simple. However, as time went on and leagues were formed, equipment and rules became more streamlined.**

General

Specific

 \*without facts!