**Examples of some strong hooks for introductions:**

Mahatma Gandhi once said: “You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is like an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.” But what if the ocean does not have only a few dirty drops but is completely polluted? The sea life is suffering and the water does not seem to be getting cleaner no matter what anyone does. Would it not make sense to want to get rid of that ocean and breed underwater creatures in cleaner waters? The world illustrated by Margaret Atwood in Oryx and Crake is much like that polluted ocean and Crake is the one who wants to start again in cleaner waters …

**Common Style Errors:**

**Colloquial/Informal Language:** conversational or informal language; you are writing the way you speak.

e.g., Jimmy and Oryx hook up.

**Figurative Language**: you can use figurative language (e.g., metaphors and similes) in your intro and conclusion, but you cannot use it in the body of your paragraph.

**Redundant (red.) or Repetitive (rep):** Unnecessary

e.g., Jimmy’s creative artistic mind . . .

s.f. = sentence fragment (i.e., an incomplete sentence)

e.g. Since Ms. Kardish loves her son so much.

v.t. = verb tense

p.t. = write about text in present tense

r.o.= run-on sentence. You or more independent clauses are in one sentence.

Mrs. Kardish loves homemade chocolate chip cookies I will make her some to show my appreciation for all the in-depth feedback she provided on my essay that must have taken a long time she probably had to give up quality time with her son whom she loves

c.s.= comma-splice; type of run-on sentence where two independent clauses are separated by a comma

e.g. I heard a rumour that Ms. Kardish likes homemade cookies, I should make her make her a batch.

s.v. agreement error= subject and verb don’t agree.

e.g., Jimmy’s ability to tell stories allow him to satisfy the needs of the Crakers.

v.t.= verb tense

w.c. = word choice; either the word in used incorrectly or you can use a more specific word.

s.p. = spelling

gr.= grammatically incorrect

vague = unclear; you need to be more specific

ALWAYS UNDERLINE OR ITALICIZE THE TITLE OF THE NOVEL!!!

Substantiate- this means you are making an argument, which may or may not be an excellent one, but either way you need evidence from the text to support your response.

NEVER LEAVE A QUOTATION ALONE AS A SENTENCE. REVIEW YOUR HANDOUT ON INTEGRATING QUOTATIONS. YOU WILL NOT GET THE 3% IF YOU DO NOT FIX THIS.