***FIRST: Please glance/read over the examples of “BLUES” below. Then, proceed to page three.***

**2. Sensory Details.** Boom! The trunk slammed. Bang! The car doors slammed as we got out of the van. Clunk, clunk, clunk continued to be heard around the block.

**5. A thought.** I’m in big trouble now, I thought to myself.

**7. A surprise.** Wow! I was doing my back hand-spring and I landed it!

**9. Sound, repetition, and simile.** Screech, screech, screech! The first time we tried to play the recorders it sounded like a lion running his claws down a chalkboard.

**10. Exclamation, repetition, strong feelings.** Chores! Chores! Chores! Chores are boring! Scrubbing toilets, cleaning sinks, and washing bathtubs take up a lot of my time and are not fun at all.

**11. Extremely strong feelings.** The very first time I saw asparagus I hated it. I had never even tried it before and I still hated it!

**13. Scary, exciting, or intense moment.** …I tried to run, but I couldn’t. The monster seemed like it was growing by the minute! And then, the most horrible thing was about to happen -— I screamed and sat bolt upright in bed. I gasped swallowing huge amounts of air.

**15. Something interesting to come.** It all started on an average day. I didn’t think anything unusual was going to happen, but boy was I wrong!

**16. Conversation.** “We’re moving.” That’s what she told me. I couldn’t believe it! I had just made the basketball team and was making more friends. “What!” I exclaimed.

**20. Anecdote.** On a dark December night in 1776, as he led a barefoot brigade of ragged revolutionaries across the icy Delaware River, George Washington said, “Shift your fat behind, Harry. But slowly or you’ll swamp the darn boat.”

**21. Describe the setting.** The deafening crowd was packed into the Kingdome on the sold-out Buhner Buzz-Cut Night. Hundreds of people were outfitted in brand new buzz-cuts and were enjoying the Mariner game.

**23. “Show” feelings.** I sat in my desk, sweat dripping down my face. I shut my eyes tight, then opened them. I looked at my watch, 11:27. Three minutes! Three minutes until I heard a sound, a sound that would set me free for three months of total nothingness.

**24. Anecdote - comic story.** “Oh my God!” I exclaimed, “What’s John doing out there? Why is he on his hands and knees, Mom?” I looked out the big kitchen window wondering if my eight-year old brother was all right. He was looking distressed. Then he threw up.

**27. A list.** The crazy costumes. The kids running wild in the neighborhood. All that candy. And scaring people. Of all the holidays in the year, I love Halloween the most.

**28. A scenario.** Pretend you are in a department store at your local mall. As you shop, you notice that some things are less expensive than others. Now, look at the labels on these cheaper items. Many of them say, “Made in China,” or “Made in Honduras.” Why are things made in these countries less costly than things made in America?

**29. Fantasy or fairy tale-type language.** In the good old days, long, long ago, when most movies were black and white, and popcorn only cost a nickel, my grandpa used to take me every Saturday to a double feature show.

**31. Bold statement.** A great crime was committed against a people in 1942. This was the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which called for the eviction and internment of all Japanese Americans.

**34. Fast action.** I raced inside, slamming the front door behind me. I plopped my backpack on the floor and dashed for the kitchen. Our cat, asleep in the hallway, quickly awoke and scurried out of harm’s way. I knew I only had a few precious seconds before my brother, coming in through the back door, beat me to the kitchen and nabbed the last of mom’s brownies.

**35. Quote.** It was Ralph Waldo Emerson who said that “A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of simple minds.” He said it almost 200 years ago, but perhaps it bears repeating today to our senators and congressman who act as though our country can continue to spend money it does not have.

**36. Reference.** Just like Michael Jordan on the basketball court or Peyton Manning on the football field, I thrive in my special part of the world. With its bright lights and tall buildings, the big city is the place for me.

Step One: For these examples, please state which type of introductory method is being used. Write the method (not just the number), please.

A. “A penny saved is a penny earned.” Wow, had I heard that saying a lot in my childhood. Of course, saving money is a life-long skill that has to be learned and practiced. If I’ve learned anything at the ripe old age of eighteen, it’s that saving money is the key to success in life. Method \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

B. Kaboom! The sound of the buildings crashing all around me was deafening. Boom, crack! There is was again. Never in my life had I heard such frightening sounds. Everywhere I turned, more buildings were crashing down. That day in September was definitely one that changed my life as the Olympia earthquake suddenly hit. Method \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

C. The morning I opened the warm, wiggly box was one that is imprinted in my brain forever. On opening my gift, I fell instantly in love with the most adorable golden retriever puppy that I’d ever seen. My heart melted and my love for her grew by the second as she glanced eagerly into my eyes. Though it was ten years ago when I first met her, my puppy changed my life for the better in so many ways. Method \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

D. Ten years ago, my dad eagerly anticipated my first baseball game. I was only six, but I was excited as well. As I laced up my cleats, I couldn’t wait to face our arch enemies, the Vikings. I knew I would make an impact on the game that day. Well, I did, in fact, make quite an impact. As I took the field for my very first Little League event, I promptly tripped over the pitcher’s mound, fell into the muddy area on the other side of the rubber, and face planted. As I slowly, shaking stood up, the crowd howled with good-humored laughter as I looked adorable with my mud-covered face and goofy grin. Even though my first experience in sports was interesting to say the least, baseball has continued to be my favorite activity throughout the years. Method \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E. Imagine you had no money and no place to live. Now, imagine you had to care for your two brothers and you are only nineteen years old. While it may seem unimaginable to most people, this is the very life too many teenagers face today. While climate change and pollution are terrible problems, homelessness is the most important issue we must solve. In order to solve the problem, we should build more low income housing, provide food to those in need, and deliver education to our citizens.

Method \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

F. My morning started like every other morning. I got up, walked downstairs, and poured myself a big bowl of Cheerios. Well, here I go again, I thought. One more day in an endless, tedious K-12 education in the Gradrion School District. Little did I know, this day would be like no other! Without advance warning, my life changed forever in many wonderful ways. For one, I earned my first A in science. Also, I was nominated for Student Body President. Finally, maybe the best of them all, I was granted a full-ride scholarship to Park City Private High School.

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Part Two:

\*\*Go back and look at **Letter E** above. I put the yellows into one sentence because I had three blues sentences. This is possible if you have three or more sentences of blues.

**\*Minimum of five sentences**

**\*Blues (minimum of 3 sentences… you may “mix” types as needed/wanted)**

**\*Green is its own, one sentence (occasion/position of power/number)**

**\*Yellows (write in one sentence)**

**\*Please color code (highlight) the appropriate colors**

#1 Please write your own blues, introductory paragraph for

***\*first day of middle school\****

***(Please use method 31 or 35 for this introduction – see above list.)***

**Write your introductory paragraph below↓↓ (blue, green, yellow)**

#2 Please write your own blues, introductory paragraph for: one of these topics:

**\*a big game\***

**\*best day ever\***

1. **Please use method #2, #13, #15, #23, or #28 for this introduction.**
2. **Same directions as above (shaded in gray)**

**Write your introductory paragraph below↓↓**