

What is an introduction?

Introduction
noun

1. the act of [introducing](#) or the state of being [introduced](#).
2. a formal personal presentation of one person to another or others.
3. a preliminary part, as of a book, musical composition, or the like, leading up to the main part.

What do I include in my introduction?

Label the parts of the introduction.

The Roaring Twenties, or the Jazz Age, a term coined by Fitzgerald, was a period of enormous social change in America, especially in the area of women's rights. Before World War I, American women did not enjoy universal suffrage, but two years after the end of the war, they were finally given the vote, fashion changed, dances became more wild and sexual, and women engaged in smoking and drinking, often in the company of men and without chaperones. In other words, as often seen during times of social change, a "New Woman" emerged in the 1920s (Bode). And, again as usual, her appearance on the scene evoked a good deal of negative reaction from members of society, both male and female, who felt, as they generally did at these times, that women's rejection of any aspect of their traditional role inevitably would result in the destruction of the family and the moral decline of society as a whole. These social fears and biases toward the new era for women are reflected in F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel *The Great Gatsby*. In spite of numerous differences of female characters, Daisy Buchanan, Jordan Baker, and Myrtle Wilson, are all versions of the "New Woman." Fitzgerald exposes the plight of the new woman in 1920s America –social expectations of the 1920s trapped women in unhealthy and unsatisfying relationships while their independence from relationships made them appear less attractive and elicited unsympathetic responses.

How do I brainstorm for my own introduction?

1. Ask yourself: what you are writing about?
2. Try to put the topic of your paper in a short phrase (race in Gatsby, class in Gatsby, etc.)
3. Think about important information that your reader needs to know going into this paper – do they need to know historical information? Do they need to know anything from the novel?
4. Now answer the questions from steps 1-3 in the most concise way possible.