**Writing Introductions**

*AQQ Method*

Starting off your writing in an interesting way can be difficult. Try using the AQQ method to spice up your introductions. Choose one of the following three ways to begin your writing:

* **A**necdotes – Anecdotes are short personal stories. Do you have one that connects to your main point? If so, start with it in order to connect with your audience.
* **Q**uotes – Sometimes it’s best to go with what other people have said. If there’s a funny or insightful quote out there, use it at the very beginning and then explain how it relates to your main point. Don’t use generic quotes!
* **Q**uestions – An easy method to use is by starting your writing with a question that makes the audience think deeply about your topic or allows them to connect to your topic (“Have you ever…”). Be careful to avoid generic questions.

*Complete the example below as a team.*

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| Topic | Explain one of your pet peeves and why it bugs you so much. |
| **A**necdote |  |
| **Q**uote |  |
| **Q**uestion |  |
| Thesis**:** | I get terribly frustrated by \_\_\_\_’s SCS because of her ear piercing whines, her desire to have everything right now, and her belief that the world revolves around them when, in fact, I am known to be the center of the universe. |

*Copy and paste your previously created thesis statements and use the AQQ method below! After you are done, you’ll meet in groups to determine which one is best to use.*

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| **Q**uote |  |
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