The Introduction　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Name:_____
Guided Notes　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Date:_____ Block:_____

Directions: Read pages 382-390 in the *Elements of Language* textbooks. While reading, fill in the following.

What Makes a Composition?
- Compositions consist of paragraphs that _____

  _____,

  which is the main focus of a composition.

The Introduction
- What three things do good introductions do?
  1. _____
  2. _____
  3. _____

Techniques for Writing Introductions (Include brief description.)

1. _____

   _____

2. _____

   _____

3. _____

   _____

4. _____

   _____

5. _____

   _____

6. _____

   _____

Setting the Tone

- Tone- _____
- How is the tone of a composition set? _____

  _____

The Thesis Statement

- Thesis Statement-_____
  _____

- Hints for Writing and Using a Thesis Statement

    1. _____

    2. _____

    3. _____

    4. _____

Exercise 3 (page 387) Analyzing Thesis Statements

1. Topic:_____
   Main Idea:_____

2. Topic:_____
   Main Idea:_____

3. Topic:_____
   Main Idea:_____

4. Topic:_____
   Main Idea:_____

5. Topic:_____
   Main Idea:_____

6. Topic:_____
   Main Idea:_____

7. Topic:_____
   Main Idea:_____

8. Topic:_____
   Main Idea:_____

9. Topic:_____
   Main Idea:_____

10. Topic:_____
    Main Idea:_____

Exercise 4 (page 390) Analyzing Introductions
Answer each of the questions using the two introductions in the textbook.

a. *What technique does the writer use in the beginning of the introduction? (Refer to page 383-385)*
b. *How well do you think the technique works? Would you continue to read the article?*
c. *How would you describe the tone-the writer's attitude toward the topic? What words and details in the introduction reveal the tone?*
d. *Does the introduction follow the structure you read about on page 388? If not, how does it differ?*

1. a._____

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b._____

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c._____

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d._____

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2. a._____

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b._____

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c._____

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d._____

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