

Evaluate an Introductory Paragraph

Reading: Brooklyn College: L. Melani's The Eighteenth Century English Novel: "Midterm Examples"

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Instructions: Click on the link above to go to a sample student essay on the novel, *Robinson Crusoe*. You do not need to know anything about the novel to complete this reading or the assignment that follows. Scroll down to the heading that reads, "Robinson Crusoe," and read the question that is presented. This question is the writing prompt for the essay that follows it.

First, considering the writing prompt provided, read the introductory paragraph under "Answer 1" that introduces a longer paper. Based on what you have learned in Unit 6, evaluate the paragraph for the following criteria:

- a) Does it have a clearly stated thesis question or purpose statement?
- b) Does it clearly explain how the paper will proceed to explain the thesis or purpose?
- c) Has it been well proofread?

Next, rewrite or add sentences as necessary so that the paragraph meets all the above criteria.