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**Self Edit Checklist** Take this editing seriously. Please take the time and the effort to make your paper the best it can be. Remember to use words of the day for extra credit! Underline words of the day in typed paper for credit.

**Format:**

1. Do you have a header with your last name and the correct page number for each page (not just 1 on every page)?
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**Introduction:**

1. Make sure your first sentence catches your audience’s attention. Make sure you cited your interesting fact of statistic if it comes from your sources.
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1. Don’t forget an introductory and conclusion sentence!
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