Adapted from Lekanides, Kosta. *Extended Essay Course Companion*, Oxford University Press. 2016, chapter five.

**In your introduction, you need CONTEXT, OUTLINE OF ARGUMENT, SCOPE, and WORTHINESS.**

**Context:**

State your research question clearly.

DO NOT GIVE DETAILED BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

Provide some context that situates your question within existing knowledge (indicate what the existing theories are, and what are the critical approaches, methods and factors that have been suggested or exist to answer your research question).

**Outline of argument:**

Specify which aspects, factors or key features you will be investigating that will help answer your question.

**Scope:**

How have you gone about answering your research question. What source material was used, or scientific methodologies followed, or critical interpretations challenged.

Do NOT JUST STATE that you used websites and articles. Indicate which authors, theories and methods have been used.

**Worthiness:**

Write, "This research question is worthy of investigation..." and then finish that sentence. See page 63-64 of chapter 5 in your handouts for more help with WORTHINESS.

Recommended word count for introduction: 300-450 words