

Introductions

Try a startling statement:

We can thank Pandora for a world full of jealousy, lies, old age, and other evils.

Use three descriptive adjectives:

Golden-haired, musical, athletic—these words describe the Greek God Apollo.

Give a short definition:

According to the Random House Dictionary, wisdom is “the knowledge of what is right and just.” This definition certainly applies to Athena who inspired Greek heroes to think with their heads and not just follow their hearts.

An interesting question:

Which Greek god would demand more thunder bolts? Zeus would, of course!

Compare or contrast:

You might think Brian Urlacher of the Chicago Bears or Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals has muscles, but they can’t compare to the strength of Hercules.

Conclusions

Begin your conclusion with a transitional word or phrase to signal the end is coming:

In conclusion...

To sum up...

Finally...

Without a doubt...

Then try one of these methods:

Echo the introduction—for example if you used the compare and contrast example from above

Without a doubt, Hercules would beat any modern day athlete in a strength competition.

Summarize without repeating the same words from your introduction.

To sum up, fair-haired, handsome Apollo was an agile god who was known for his talent for music.

Tell us what we can learn from your figure.

In conclusion, brave Odysseus teaches to always keep trying; he never gave up on his ten year journey home.