*Prompt:* Mary Mallon was the first known healthy carrier in the United States. It is impossible to know how many people she infected. However, she was not the only healthy carrier. But she was still held by the New York health department until she died. Many people disagree about how she was treated. Write an essay where you take a stand on whether the way Mary Mallon was treated was fair or not.

**Topic**

**Sub Topic**

**Claim**

**Reasons**

*In the 7th grade you are expected to write an introduction that 1) explains your topic and subtopic 2) states your claim 3) and introduces your reasons (in order).*

Topic:

Subtopic:

Claim:

Reasons:

**Tip:** Good writers, organize their introductions like a funnel. They start with the least-specific part of their argument, then focus in on the part they have an opinion on, and finally state their opinion and reasons. Read the example paragraphs and practice identifying topics and subtopics.

**Part 3:** Practice writing an introduction that is organized like a funnel

1) Choose your strongest claim from the front.

2) Fill in the funnel below with your topic, subtopic, claim, and reasons.

3) Using this funnel, write your introduction paragraph.

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| List 3 attributes of a bad conclusion: | List 3 qualities of a good conclusion:        Part 3: Plan your conclusion by filling in this up-side-down funnel. Think about the subtopic and topic. How will you explanation answer the question *so what?* for the subtopic and topic? Your essay has importance outside of this classroom. Explain to your reader why it matters and who it matters to. |

*The best way to ruin a good argument is by writing a terrible conclusion. But if you plan ahead, that won’t happen.*

**World Application**

**Main idea**

**Details**

**Subtopic**

Part 4: Practice writing powerful conclusion.