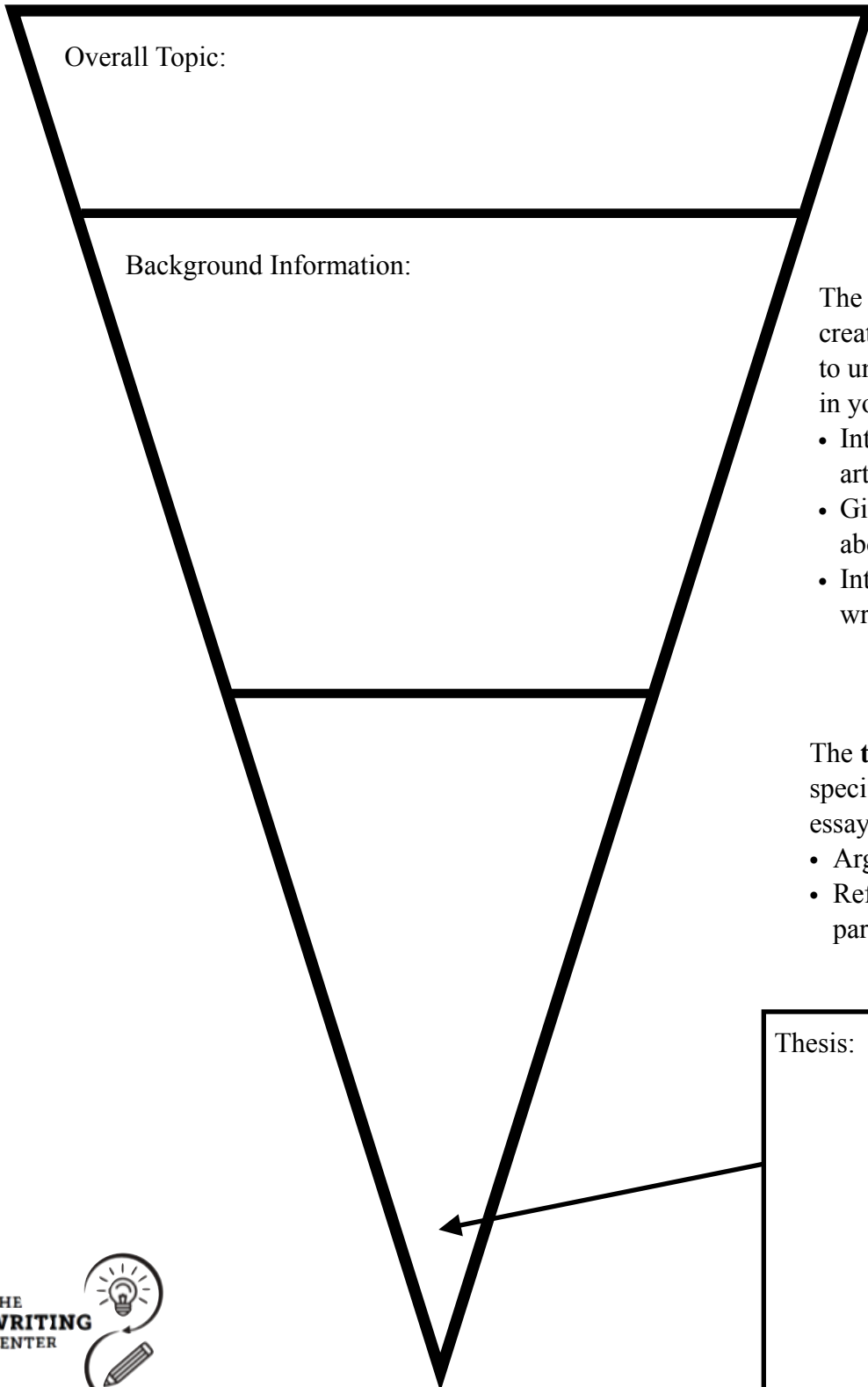


# Funnel Your Thoughts into the Perfect Introduction



The **overall topic** should forecast the content of your essay so your reader is not left guessing.

The **background information** should create the context needed for your reader to understand what you will be discussing in your essay. You might:

- Introduce an author, book, or article title
- Give brief historical information about the topic
- Introduce the people or places you are writing about

The **thesis** should tell the reader specifically what will be discussed in your essay. A good thesis is:

- Arguable
- Reflects the main idea of each body paragraph



# ... Now, Let's Make a Conclusion Paragraph!



**Restate the thesis.** This allows you to bring your reader back to where you started. When writing this sentence, assume that you are reminding your reader of the theme of your essay.

Thesis Restated:

Connecting Information:

Connect your thesis to your overall topic using **connecting information**. This helps the reader to cross the bridge between your topic and its context.

Overall Topic Revisited:

Relate your piece back to the **overall topic**. This helps the reader to see the “big picture” when it comes to your essay.

Notice how the concluding paragraph is a mirror of the introductory paragraph. That means once you have written an introduction, you should have everything you need in order to write a conclusion.