

Rhetorical Stance:

Communicating a clear message TO a specific audience for a clear purpose.

Notice how these introductions do the three things all introductions should do: 1) connect with the reader, 2) clarify the topic/subject or issue, and 3) present the point (thesis). These introductions do these things while speaking to the audience and not being shy to state why the writer is communicating this message to this audience and what the writer wants them to do.

Speeding Kills

The light stands at a bright red while you impatiently grind your tightly squeezed hands on the steering wheel. You start to sweat, and your heart beats fast, as you mischievously look over your shoulder to the car in the next lane. Suddenly, the light shines a golden green, and you punch your gas pedal to the floor with your heavy foot, as your wheels spin from underneath you, ready to launch you off like a rocket ship! Sounds pretty fun, doesn't it? Many teenagers have this same adventure everyday, not knowing what the outcome could be like if something went wrong. Speeding and street racing can be very dangerous to you and others around you. I've experienced many times with family and friends what speeding can cause. I'm hoping that you will read carefully my stories and see how speeding can really be a deadly thing. Maybe this essay will make you think twice before going over the speed limit. Speeding can cause pain for you and your loved ones.

... three illustrative stories showing/supporting the thesis
...conclusion missing

Don't Panic, Soldier

Starting over is hard, but this time you have what it takes to succeed even further, as your possibilities are endless and now in your control. I know what you might be thinking because I was in your boots at one point. You've made the decision that you want to get out of the military while you're still young. With this decision made, suddenly you've got questions that need an answer: What will I do? Where will I go? How will I support myself? It might seem like the military is our only life support, although we want nothing more than to "get out." It may even seem like you won't be able to adapt to life outside the military, and the thought alone is intimidating. Planning now can help make your transition out of the military a successful one.

... three illustrative stories showing/supporting the thesis

Making the decision to leave the military is a major lifestyle change. After all, you spent months in boot camp getting accustomed to life in the military. Even though the experience and pride we get from serving can change and build who we are for the better, we must prepare ourselves for the time we decide to hang up our boots. Whether you decide to pursue an education, or go straight into the workforce, it is never too early to plan for "separation." As these stories have each made clear, planning now is what will help your transition into the outside world a much smoother one.