To Provide Context in an Introduction, Writers Try ...

Explaining historical context

- The issue of . . . first arose . . .
- The issue of . . . has a long history . . . To sum up . . .
- Not everyone will be familiar with the issue of . . .

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Describing contemporary significance

- In some parts of the world, such as . . . there is tremendous dispute over . . .
- The issue of . . . came to worldwide attention when . . .
- Recently, the case of . . . has drawn attention to . . .
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Laying out multiple perspectives

- The issue of . . . is complicated and there are points for . . . and also against . . .
- For some, such as . . . and . . . the issue of . . . has particular significance . . .
- When considering the question of . . . it's important to be specific because . . .

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