

# Accordion Essay

## Mastering the Two Sentence Introductory Paragraph With Plans that are Stated, Implied, or Subtle

### Example 1

#### Stated Plan

If I could have anything I wanted, I would make three wishes. My wishes would benefit the world, my family, and, of course, myself.

#### Implied Plan

The folk tale, "The Three Wishes," describes the problem a man and his wife have because they spend too much time wishing their lives away. Even when a "beautiful little woman" actually grants them a wish, they find several ways to destroy their chance at finding happiness.

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#### Subtle Plan

My biggest wish has always been to play college and pro baseball, so I attend at least three baseball camps each summer. I don't know if my wish will come true, but I do know that with each camp I attend my odds increase.

### Example 2

#### Stated Plan

Before the Industrial Revolution most people lived on farms, but after the invention of the steam engine and the building of railroads, life changed dramatically. The most important changes were the method used to ship goods or products and the freedom for people to travel.

#### Implied Plan

During the Industrial Revolution thousands of people moved to cities looking for a better life. Many were unprepared for two challenges they would face.

#### Subtle Plan

Eli Whitney's invention of the cotton gin had a definite impact on English textile manufacturing. This machine, which separates cotton fiber from the seeds, changed the lives of those who earned a living in the textile industry.

