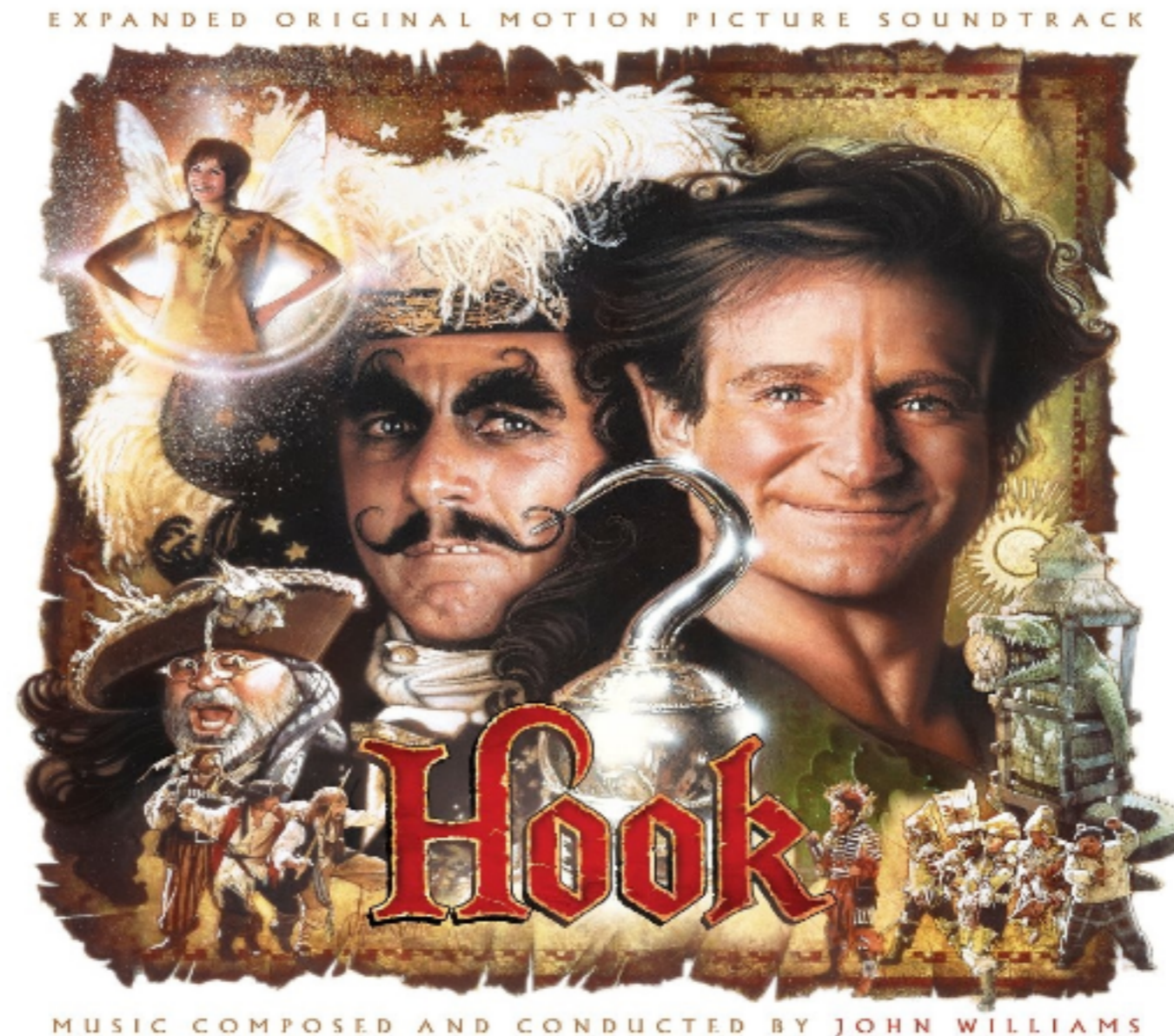


Hooks and Thesis Statements



Before you start
your outline, we
need to go over
the basics of the
introductory
paragraph....

What's a hook? What
is its purpose?

All of the following are used as hooks to get the reader's attention:

- An unusual or surprising detail
- A shocking statement
- A quotation
- A strong statement or opinion
- An anecdote (amusing story)
- A statistic (number)
- A question
- An exaggeration or outrageous statement



1. What is a thesis statement?

2. Why is it important in your essay?

3. What items need to be included in your thesis?

4. How long should a thesis statement be?

What paragraph does it belong in?

Write a draft of your
thesis statement below: