Sample Introduction Paragraph

 Captain Hook is what many young children envision when they hear the word pirate. They visualize his jet-black handlebar mustache, his angry eyes, and his shimmering gold hook. The term pirate has taken on many forms and definitions. It seems as if each generation provides its own unique version of the archetypal figure. As technology continues to advance, there is a new order of piracy affecting society, one that is attacking one of the cornerstones of art. Music piracy is becoming a cancer to modern music because it is taking a profit from the artists, undermining the artists’ control, and spreading viruses among the Internet community.

Answer the following questions about the previous paragraph:

1. What is the broad topic of this paper?
2. What is the narrow topic of this paper?
3. What are the thesis points of this paper

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 4. What technique is used in the hook of this paper, and do YOU think it is effective?

 5. What sentence(s) make up the bridge?

 6. What do you notice about the flow of this paragraph? Doesn’t it seem odd to you that the paragraph starts off talking about a cartoon character and ends up discussing a major legal issue alive in our world today? Why would the author do this?