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 . . .

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 . . .

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 . . .