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Write On! Strong Lead Sentences



A **strong lead** is typically the first sentence of an introductory paragraph. This sentence should grab your reader's attention and relate to the topic of your essay.

Directions: Practice writing strong lead sentences for your essay by completing each prompt. Your lead sentences should relate to the topic of your essay.

1. Write a thought-provoking question.

2. Include an interesting fact or statistic.

3. Select a powerful quote (*from your text or from a different source*).

4. Write one powerful word or phrase.

5. Write a short anecdote from your life.

Reread each of your leads. Now, circle the lead that will work best for your essay. Why is this the strongest lead for your essay?
