**Writing Classroom Reports**

**Writing** the Beginning Paragraph

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**Write a lead.**

Read each lead-writing strategy and example. Then write your own example of each strategy.

1. Ask a question about the topic.

Did you know that New York State has a mountain range that is bigger than Connecticut?

2. Start with a surprising fact or detail about the topic.

Almost 100 mountains make up the Catskill Mountain range.