**Writing Narrative Arguments**

**Writing the Beginning**

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Experiment with strategies for capturing the reader's interest. Use the examples below for inspiration. Then develop a beginning that introduces the main character, describes the setting, and sets up the conflict.

1. Start in the middle of the action.

*Flush with determination, I stepped up to the podium. I had a strong speech. I had a strong message. I was ready to fight for equal rights. So how did I know it was all doomed?*

2. Use interesting dialogue.

*"There goes Drama Jess again. Making something out of nothing." Girls with an opinion get that a lot in high school.*

3. Pose a fascinating question.

*What does justice mean to you?*

4. Set up the conflict.

*I’m a sports fanatic. I’m also a girl. I thought by now my gender wouldn’t be an issue, but last school year showed it still is.*