**Writing Phase Autobiographies**

**Writing** the Beginning Paragraph

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**Write a lead.**

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

The first sentence in your narrative should grab the reader’s attention. It is called a lead. The following strategies will help you write an effective lead.

* **Start in the middle of the action.**

*I stepped into my first debate meeting, and my whole world changed.*

* **Start with someone speaking.**

*“There's no better time than now to try something new,” said my mother.*

* **Ask readers a question.**

*Do you know what it feels like to step outside your comfort zone?*

* **Begin with a surprising statement or an interesting fact.**

*Before the winter of my 7th grade year, I wore a shell.*

**Write your beginning paragraph.**

Write your lead and give more details to introduce your story.