**Writing Research Papers**

**Write the Lead Sentence**

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Try out some of these strategies for introducing your research paper. Read the examples for ideas.

1. Start with a fascinating quotation.

"Do things. Be sane. Don't fritter away your time; create, act, take a place wherever you are and be somebody; get action.”  
—Theodore Roosevelt, Sr

2. Express what is most interesting about the subject.

Teddy Roosevelt transformed himself from an asthmatic weakling to a brawler who won in Cuba and Panama, in Washington and on Mount Rushmore.

3. Provide an anecdote.

As they charged up San Juan Hill into the teeth of machine-gun fire, Teddy Roosevelt turned to a fellow soldier and shouted, "Holy Godfrey, what fun!"

4. Ask an engaging question.

Are heroes born, or are they made?