

# Hook It! Handout

## What is a hook?

A hook is a sentence or two that grabs the reader's attention. Great hook sentences motivate the reader to keep reading!

Type	Description	Example	Your Example
Question	Make your reader think by posing a question they may not know the answer to.	*What would life be like if there was no school? *Why shouldn't everyone be able to go to school?	
Statement, Fact, or Statistic	Show your reader you know what you're talking about by providing facts or data about your topic.	*The United States has no official language. *Lice can transfer 3 types of infections to humans!	
Quote	Start with the words of a famous person or character in a book.	Rosa Parks once said, "I would like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free and wanted other people to be also free."	
Figurative Language	Use similes or metaphors to make comparisons, provide imagery, or provide sounds with onomatopoeia.	*Watching the Super Bowl is as American as apple pie. *Applause is music to my ears.	
Anecdote	Tell a story or a joke.	Last Christmas taught me a lesson I won't soon forget, there are more important things than gifts.	