

Writing Leads

The introduction to an essay has three basic parts: an attention-grabbing lead, a bridge or transition from the lead to the thesis, and the thesis statement, which states the argument in a piece of persuasive writing, and often gives an indication what the main sections of the essay will be, and how the argument will unfold. Leads can consist of:

- An interesting fact or piece of information;
- A personal story;
- A metaphor;
- A surprising or startling statement; or
- A description of a scene or an event to orient the reader.



DIRECTIONS: Practice writing leads. Write two different kinds of leads for each thesis statement.

1. In order to increase academic performance and curtail disruptive behavior, all U.S. school should require students to wear uniforms.

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2. When considering a career path, the potential for a young person to be happy working in a particular field should outweigh financial considerations.

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