

Getting Started: Rough Draft

Instructions: Now that you have completed the prewriting activities, you're ready to start writing. Keep in mind that your completed rough draft should be written to include the items listed below.

- _____ The article includes an engaging hook.
- _____ The article includes an introduction paragraph that clearly defines the topic.
- _____ The article includes at least three subheadings dividing the article into different sections.
- _____ A conclusion paragraph that ties main points of the article together ends the article.
- _____ At least one text structure (sequence, cause/effect, problem/solution, topic description, compare/contrast) is used to organize information in the article.
- _____ Research information is clearly integrating into the text.
- _____ Article includes at least 4 complete (4-5 sentences) paragraphs.
- _____ Article includes a title that relates to your story and is unique/creative.

Before you begin your introduction paragraph, review the information about hooks that you learned about earlier in this course. Then, **select a type of hook from this list and create your own to start your rough draft:**

TYPES OF HOOKS

Question

When writing a question, try to create a picture in the reader's mind. Use the words who, what, when, where, why, is, how, or are at the beginning of the sentence.

Quote

When writing a quote, it can be a direct quotation from a book, TV show, movie, or a famous person.

Startling Statistic

Statistics show relationships with numbers. Find a surprising statistic involving your topic.

Dialogue (conversation between characters using quotation marks)

Dialogue features two or more people talking.

Sensory Details/Describe the setting (vivid picture)

Anecdote. (short humorous account of an event or incident)

As my cousin and I pedaled our new bikes to the beach, 6 years old, suntanned and young, we met an old, shaggy-haired man weaving unsteadily on a battered old bike.