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Do Now:

We all know that a hook is a way to grab the reader’s attention, but what grab’s your attention? In the next 3 minutes, make a list of the things that grab your attention. You may choose to show me through vivid descriptions, as well.

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**What are the 6 punches to a Knockout Paragraph?**

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**A Plethora of HOOKS!**

**The anecdote/ vivid description:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-Relevant (relates to my topic)

- Specific details (the more specific my details, the more engaging the hook)

**Top Quality Sample:**

“Eat your food!”

“But I’m not hungry,” a little boy whimpers in the classroom, strapped to the chair. The force of the food being shoved down his throat makes him gag. Multicolored gunk splatters on the floor, while the little boy screams for his mother.

“Now, you are going to shut up and lick that mess clean until the floor sparkles!” These are the words of Donna Weidenbenner, an elementary school teacher. A devastating worldwide crime, student abuse is thriving in America and needs to be stopped.

**Poor Quality Sample:**

I remember a time when teachers were mean to me. She yelled a lot. Teachers are too mean.

**WRITE AN ANECDOTE FOR THE MAGIC-HAT TOPIC**

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**SHOCKING fact or statistic!** Shocking facts and statistics are used to surprise and invoke curiosity, confusion, frustration, or any other feelings which make the audience want to read more.

* The fact/ statistic is true (believable)
* The source of the fact/ stat is given or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This is done by providing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Top Quality Sample:**

C:\Documents and Settings\SeanGilmartin\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\E1TKC73G\MC900300079[1].wmfAccording to *National Geographic*, “Over 1.5 billion people do not have access to clean, safe water.”

**Poor Quality Example:**

85% of the families who are homeless in New Haven say they don’t like it.

**WRITE A SHOCKING FACT OR STATISTIC FOR YOUR MAGIC-HAT TOPIC**

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**Rhetorical Question:** The rhetorical question is a question-type you don’t want your reader to answer, BUT the question should make your reader think and want to know the answer. The question’s answer should lean in the favor of your argument.

-Use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (One or two questions are great. When you string three or more together, you look like you’re just trying to fill space).

-Is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a yes/ no question

**Top Quality Example:**

Why did the War of 1812 take place? Some scholars argue that it was simply a land-grab by the Americans...

**Poor Quality Example:**

Don’t you agree we should stop dog fighting?

**WRITE A RHETORICAL QUESTION FOR YOUR MAGIC-HAT TOPIC**

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**Expert Opinion:** The Expert Opinion is used to show \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If an expert thinks the issue is a problem, the reader should, as well.

-Must give credentials (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?)

-Quote should say more than your argument

-Relevant

**Top Quality Example:**

Dr. Coen, of Coginchaug family Practice and practitioner or medicine for 18 years says, “Adolescents are 20 times more likely to bully if they have, in fact, been bullied in the past.”

**Poor Quality Example:**

Mr. Coen says, “Bullying is bad.”

**WRITE AN EXPERT OPINION FOR YOUR MAGIC-HAT TOPIC**

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**Bandwagon Statement:** The bandwagon statement is used to show that what the writer proposes has worked elsewhere. The reader wants to listen because others have benefited by listening and they could to.

-Must be specific

-Demonstrate that multiple people/ groups/ schools/ et cetera have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Top Quality Example:**

From St. Jermiane’s in Tabatha, VT to Donald Roland Middle School in San Francisco, CA, schools all over the nation are praising the end of long school years.

**Poor Quality Example**

A bunch of schools are happy the year is short. We should do the same.

**WRITE A BANDWAGON STATEMENT FOR YOUR MAGIC-HAT TOPIC**

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**Appeal to a High Ideal:** An appeal to a high ideal is asking the reader \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-They are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-They often work well with quoting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Top Quality Example:**

“We hold these truths to be self-evident,” the Preamble of the Declaration of the United States declares, “that all men are created equal.” Equality, the principle that our fore fathers fought for is now in jeopardy at Amistad Academy.

**Poor Quality:**

People should treat one another equally because that’s what we all believe.

**WRITE AN APPEAL TO A HIGH IDEAL FOR YOUR MAGIC-HAT TOPIC**

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