

Writing: The Beginning

After doing a great deal of brainstorming and prewriting, it's finally time to write your first draft! When writing your story, remember to...

- ✓ Tell the WHOLE story (beginning, middle, and ending)
- ✓ Hook the reader in the beginning, build up suspense in the middle, and explain how you were changed by your experience in the ending
- ✓ Incorporate details into your writing
- ✓ Add dialogue (when appropriate)

The Opening Paragraph

When writing the opening paragraph of your narrative, remember to...

- ✓ Grab your reader's attention
- ✓ Consider starting in the middle of the action
- ✓ Introduce the main conflict
- ✓ Incorporate important background information