ENGLISH · YEAR 7

Narrative Writing: Story Beginnings

Write two different opening paragraphs that make a reader want to read on.

Name _____ **Date** _____

> **A strong opening** can drop the reader into a moment, spark a question or create a vivid picture. Keep some things mysterious.

STORY SEED **After the school library has closed, one book begins to glow.**

01 Open with action or sound

Begin in the middle of the moment. Use a vivid action or sound to pull the reader in.

02 Open with dialogue or mystery

Try a line of dialogue or a puzzling detail. Make this version feel different from the first.

Review your hooks

☐ I started with a hook. ☐ I chose precise details. ☐ I left the reader curious.

Which opening makes you want to read on most? Give one reason.