

Introductory Paragraphs

Most writing needs a good hook, something that will start it off with a bang to interest readers. Starting with a very short story is one way to begin. If I were writing an article on flying fish, for example, I may use the example below as my intro paragraph and hook:

In the ocean, two hungry dolphins pick up speed. They see a school of flying fish. Sensing danger, the flying fish swim faster, and they are soon going 20 miles an hour. The dolphins get closer. Suddenly, the flying fish break the surface of the water, spread their side fins and take off! They soar over the waves at 40 miles an hour. The dolphins swim beneath them, gobbling any that drop down too soon. The rest of the flying fish skim the surface, beat their tails and take off again.

Contrast the above example with the one below:

In this report, you will learn about flying fish. First you will learn where they live, and then you will learn what they eat. Then you will discover exactly how they fly and what sea animals prey on them. Finally, you will learn about the different species of flying fish.

Which one was more interesting? I believe the first one is the more interesting of the two. You need to now work on crafting your introductory paragraph for your magazine article, and you will add this to the start of your Mag Art rough draft. **This is due by the end of class today (Monday, 11/26/18).**