

Writings Leads

In order to demonstrate mastery in writing leads, students should observe the following guidelines.

	Directions	Models
7	The lead sentence in a persuasive essay should begin with a statement that summarizes the main conflict of the book, written in a way to interest the reader.	SUMMARY: Two young lovers are destroyed by their families' hatred for one another.
8	The lead sentence in an analytical essay should make a general statement about the topic, which will be addressed in the body of essay.	EXPOSITION OF THEME: Conflict is an unavoidable element of life.
9	The lead sentence in an analytical essay should introduce the topic through an historical review, a research-based fact, or a thematic quotation.	HISTORICAL REVIEW: In all of William Shakespeare's plays, the characters are diverse, complex individuals whose motivations are often complicated.
		RESEARCH-BASED FACT: William Shakespeare wrote twelve tragedies; <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> is his most famous of these works.
		THEMATIC QUOTATION: According to a Spanish proverb, "Where there is love, there is pain."
10 – 12	The lead sentence in an analytical or argumentative essay may be any of the types from grade 9.	See above