



Hooks For Narrative Writing Chart



Question		Have you ever been to a cave? I have.
Idiom		Skiing is as easy as pie, my instructor told me.
Definition		A mall is a bunch of stores under a roof. I can tell you that is it more than that.
Setting		In the thick woods of northeast Maine, I learned the value of preparation.
Quotation		"Block that kick!" screamed my mom.
Exaggeration (hyperbole)		I have a hundred cousins.
Alliterative phrase	Sally sells sea shells...	Thanks to Thomas I am alive to tell this tale.
Words in capitals, bold or italics		NO TRESPASSING.
Talk directly to the reader		You probably don't want to hear about how I lost all my front teeth.
Exclamation		School's Out! School's Out! Summer vacation....
Noise (onomatopoeia)		Pop! Pop! Pop! My brother was trying out our new popcorn machine.
Sentence fragments		Blueberries by the trillions. Trout jumping out of the brook. Vermont vacation, here I come!

Many categories of hooks are common to both narrative and expository writing, its function in expository differs: (1) to give background/historical information, (2) tell how an author became interested or feels about the subject, (3) why the topic is important, (4) reveals a plan of presentation, &/or (5) sets tone and mood.