**Writing Persuasive Essays**

**Writing** the Beginning Paragraph

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**Read a sample, and write your beginning paragraph.**

Read this beginning paragraph, and then write your own.

 Many local schools have decided to install metal detectors. But are metal detectors the answer for all schools? The answer to this question for King Middle School is no. Our school has a good safety record. For this and other reasons, metal detectors are not needed.

**Beginning Paragraph**