**Writing Research Reports**

**Writing** the Beginning Paragraph

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**Write a lead.**

Review each lead-writing strategy and example and write your own.

﻿﻿1. Ask a question about the topic.

*Did you know women couldn’t become astronauts for almost the first three decades of the space program?*

2. Start with a surprising fact or detail about the topic.

*Before Sally Ride, space travel was mostly a club for men.*

3. Tell a little story about the person.

*Sally Ride didn’t always want to be an astronaut.*