

# Ideas for Writing a Hook for an Essay

## 1- Start with an anecdote (something that happened to you):

When I was a little girl, my dream was to become an astronaut. My favorite show was *Lost in Space*. I wouldn't miss it for the world.

## 2- Start with a bit of dialogue:

"Jamie," shouted my mother, "you haven't done your homework yet!"

"Let me finish watching this episode of *Lost in Space*, Mom!" I shouted back. "I promise I'll do my homework as soon as the show's over!"

There was a reason why *Lost in Space* was my favorite show when I was a little girl. My dream was to be an astronaut.

## 3- Start with an "imagining":

Imagine a being with a head as big as a classroom and a body as small as a mouse's. Perhaps such a being --and many others just as strange-- exist in other planets.

#### **4- Start with a description:**

Swirling, colorful clouds made up of hydrogen gas, violent winds, a size and a mass much greater than Earth's, and more than a dozen moons glowing in the sky. That gives you an idea of what you would experience if you visited Jupiter.

#### **5- Start with a question:**

Can you imagine what it would be like to travel through space and visit new worlds? I certainly can.

#### **6- Start with an interesting statement:**

I read in an astronomy book that Saturn's density is so small that it would float in a bathtub full of water (provided we could get a bathtub big enough and enough water, of course).

#### **7- Start with a definition:**

The dictionary defines adventure as an exciting or extraordinary event involving uncertainty and risk. Would I have what it takes to experience the adventure of visiting other planets?