**Attention-Grabbing Beginnings**

Why is it important to hook the reader with a catchy beginning? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What strategies can you use to hook them?\_\_­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Use a catchy beginning:* 1-2 sentences

*Establish the context:* 3-4 sentences

*Hint at the problem:* 1-2 sentences

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| **Attention- Grabbing Beginning**(Hook) |   |
| **Setting****Description**(Where and When) |  |
| **Character****Description** |  |
| **Hint @ the problem** |  |

 Crunch! The leaves cried as they shriveled under the weight of a shoe. The 12 year old goof ball, Mike, skipped through the perilous forest under the dimly lit afternoon sky. In the distance, a rustic tree house stood hovering amongst the tallest trees. In excitement, he raced towards it, and nearly tripped on fallen branches. He slowly made his way up the half broken ladder. Creak! The sound of an old floorboard echoed through the mysterious vacant room. Mike's hazel eyes grew wide with fear, he turned on his toes and peeked through his long shaggy chestnut hair, but saw nothing but dark corners and dust. Suddenly, he felt a rumble under the fragile floorboards. Oh no! He thought. What could that be? Mike tiptoed cautiously towards the trap door. The hinges squeaked as he lifted it up only to find his only exit smashed to pieces on the forest floor.

Hook

Character

Setting

Hint @ the problem