

## Leads

### VERB:

Serious thinking and crossing the street, he once said, shouldn't be attempted simultaneously.

Jan Karon      *A Light in the Window*

### SETTING:

It was a dark and stormy night.

Madeline L'Engle      *A Wrinkle in Time*

### CHARACTER:

Here is James Henry Trotter when he was about 4 years old.

Roald Dahl      *James and the Giant Peach*

### SUMMARY:

I never had a brain until Freak came along and let me borrow his for a while, and that's the truth, the whole truth.

Rodman Philbrick      *Freak the Mighty*

### QUESTION:

"Where's Papa going with that ax?" said Fern to her mother as they were setting the table for breakfast.

E.B. White      *Charlotte's Web*

**Final Activity  
for  
LEADS**

**Choose one of the following topics to write about:**

- Sports
- Hobbies
- Holidays
- Friends
- Heroes
- Music
- Dreams
- Movies/T.V shows
- Cartoons
- Current events

**Create the following leads for your selected topic:**

- Verb
- Quote
- Summary
- Question
- Character

**Choose one of the leads you created. Circle it.**

**Now, use the selected lead as your first sentence in an introductory paragraph about your topic. Your paragraph should be 4 to 7 sentences in length, focused on your topic, and be grammatically correct.**

**Work is due\_\_\_\_\_ .**