

## Types of Hooks

| Type of Hook                      | The hook grabs the reader's attention by including . . .  | Example   |
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| <b>Compelling Statement</b>       | an opening sentence that presents a bold statement related to the topic of the essay              | I'm messy. I'm shy. I'm silly. I'm just me.   |
| <b>Memorable Quotation</b>        | a famous quotation or an impactful quotation from the unit text related to the topic of the essay | In line 5 of Emily Dickinson's poem "I'm Nobody! Who are you?" (260), the speaker exclaims, "How dreary – to be – Somebody!" I could not agree with her more. I despise being the center of attention.  |
| <b>Analogy</b>                    | a comparison related to the topic of the essay  | My identity is like a beautiful mosaic filled with multi-colored tiles. The pieces are not perfect, but neither am I. Yet, together they make a complete image.   |
| <b>Thought-Provoking Question</b> | a question related to the topic of the essay that makes the reader pause and reflect              | Do you have a "battery-operated smile" (Francisco, line 38)? I charge my smile nightly, so that I can ensure its full wattage each day.   |
| <b>Personal Anecdote</b>          | a brief story related to the topic of the essay   | On the first day of school in my new town, the teacher asked me to come to the front of the classroom and introduce myself in a few sentences. I instantly froze, my mind racing through which details of myself I wanted to share with these complete strangers. |