

## Techniques for Opinion Leads

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TEACHER DIRECTIONS: *Identify which techniques you would like for the students to imitate by having the students draw a star next to each technique in the left column and the right column is where the student can practice writing that kind of technique for writing an opinion lead based in the topic.*

NAME IT!	SEE IT!	TRY IT!
Direct Statement	This essay is about smoking. I think people should avoid smoking.	
Personal Connection	My friend Gordon was starting to cough more often. The doctor said it was because he had been smoking for 22 years. Being friends with Gordon, I have an opinion about smoking. I think people should avoid it.	
“Draw-in” Question	Do you know someone who smokes? Do you ever worry about this person’s health? Smoking can be hazardous to health and kids should think twice before starting.	
Fact Based Question	Did you know that smoking causes about 20 percent of our country’s deaths each year? I think it’s important to avoid smoking.	
Fact or Detail	Smoking causes about 20 percent of our country’s deaths each year. In my opinion, people should avoid smoking.	
Quotation	“Smoking is the most preventable cause of death in the United States” ( <a href="http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/body/smokign/article2.html">http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/body/smokign/article2.html</a> ). I think people should avoid smoking.	
Analogy	A cigarette is like a little piece of poison. I think people should avoid smoking.	
Snapshot	On Saturday, my friend Gordon held his cigarettes over the trash can in the parking lot and cut them in half with scissors. I think this was a pretty good idea.	
Observation form the Senses	Gordon’s car already smells better. He hasn’t smoked in his car for a whole month! Aside from a fresh car, there are lots of reasons to avoid smoking.	