

Examples of "funnel openers"

The opening paragraphs below were written for an essay about Wendell Berry's short story "The Hurt Man".

A)

Human lives are touched by a full range of losses. This is what Mat Feltner, protagonist of "The Hurt Man", learns when observing his mother helping an injured man. The short story was written by Wendell Berry and it portrays a young boy's realization that death is part of life. In the following, I will make an analysis and interpretation of the text, including a discussion of R.S. Thomas' poem "Farm Wife" and the text "Men of the West" by Cathy Luchetti.

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B)

Throughout your life you experience different situations which change your perception of life. As a child you feel immortal and free to fulfill your desires. Everything is new and out there for you to explore. But a time comes when you'll be confronted with the darker sides of life. "*The Hurt Man*" tells the story of how a sudden incident forces a young boy to accept that death is part of life.

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