

What's the Hook?

Name: _____

Using 3 different highlighters or felt pens, identify the HOOK, BRIDGE, and THESIS in each opening paragraph.

School on Saturday? NEVER!

"Brrrrring! Brrrrrrring!" Your alarm is going – time for school! But wait! It's Saturday. There is no school on Saturday... back to sleep I go. But suddenly... I hear my mother's footsteps coming down the hall towards my room. Panic sets in! Saturday school is here! We all know that Saturdays are meant for sleeping in, for hot pancake breakfasts with your family and a rousing game of basketball with friends. But the pleasure and relaxation of Saturdays is scheduled to vanish next year when the school board their initiates "Saturday School" policy. While I enjoy the learning environment of school Monday to Friday, I argue that schools should absolutely not be open on Saturdays.

Hook strategy used: _____

Thesis: _____

Down with Posters by Mr. Neil

I despise glitter. It's tacky and invasive and once a bedazzled project enters the classroom, the insidious sparkles lodge in every nook and cranny. Months later, I look like Lady Gaga or the Sugar Plum Fairy after I accidentally wipe my face and spread a layer of unwanted pixie dust over my cheek. I ban the stuff! We've all seen effective projects carried out using this medium: engaging posters depicting a recommended book, a family tree or a famous explorer. I argue, however, that the work becomes less sophisticated and less effective when sprinkled with tacky purple and pink sparkles. I argue that students' work becomes more effective and sophisticated when they learn to use presentation tech tools such as Prezzi, Sliderocket, Instagram and Google Drive presentations.

Hook strategy used: _____

Thesis: _____

