

Technique	What is it?		Example
Anecdote/ Story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Short -Dramatic (conflict) -Related to topic 		Janie placed on the blue and white uniform and stared at herself in the mirror. She frowned at her reflection and glanced at the dress her Nana had bought her for Christmas. She could wear it to church but not to school.
Quotation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -About topic -Typically from a famous person -Give credit to who said it 		In Harry Potter, Beatrix says, "Thank goodness I was never sent to school; it would have rubbed off some of the originality."
Startling Fact/ Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Statistic that is shocking -Detail which may alarm or cause discussion -Surprising 		In 1995, after implementing uniforms, Long Beach reported that the overall crime rate dropped by 91% in their schools.
Rhetorical/ Open-ended Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Not easily answered -Causes much thought -Spurs a conversation -Not a yes/ no answer 		If clothing does not make a person, why are adults so jumpy to change the way students dress?
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Uses imagery (5 senses) -Creates a mental image -Often elicits emotions 		The teacher looked into the sea of starch white shirts and navy blue pants.
Dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Interesting character talk -Captures an idea of the topic 		"Wow, you look so sharp!," exclaimed my teacher as I walked in wearing my new dress.
Metaphor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Compares two items according to a trait -Not using "like" or "as" 		A school uniform is a jail cell, locking us into uniformity and confinement, not preparing us for life choices as they are.
Simile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Compares two items according to a trait -Uses "like" or "as" 		A uniform, like a costume, causes behaviors that are unnatural.
Fragment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Purposeful choppy sentences -Usually in magic threes 		Soldiers. Mindless. Each the same. The school killed the variety in each student's way of dressing.
Onomatopoeia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sound word -Captures the noise emitted 		Yawn! The tired argument about the benefits of school uniforms arose once again.
Personification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Giving a non-human thing human qualities 		The school uniform strangled me as I stretched it onto my small frame.



Attention Grabbers

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