

"Once upon a time, there lived a little girl with a red riding hood..."

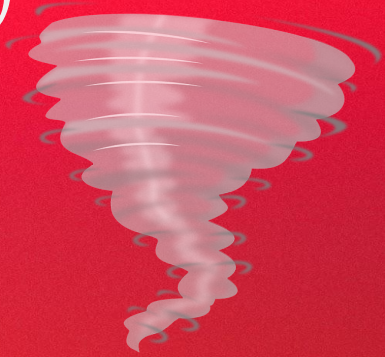
A KIND OF A BORING, CLICHÉ INTRO!

Technique one: Start with a short (four- or five word maximum), effective sentence:

Her hair shone gold.



Technique two: Start with an interesting metaphor or simile:



The wolf was a tornado, changing the lives of all who crossed his path.

Technique three: Start with an interesting question for the reader to ponder:

Who could have thought that a simple trip to Grandma's house could end in tragedy?

Technique four: Start with a subordinate clause or other complex sentence form:

Though the road to Grandma's house was spooky, Red skipped along with an air of confidence.

Technique five: Start with a riddle:

Who has big eyes, big teeth and is dressed in Grandma's clothes? Yes, you guessed it, the Big Bad Wolf.

Technique six: Fill in these blanks:

"_____ was the kind of _____ who/that _____"

Little Red was the kind of girl who thought
wolves would never bother her.

Technique seven: Capture a feeling or emotion:

You might be surprised to learn that a little girl couldn't recognize her own grandmother.

Technique eight: Use a string of adjectives:

Tall, dark, and with an air of confidence, the woodsman entered the house.