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Hook

your reader from the very first sentence!

Topic: Cigarette smoking is bad

Directions: Using one of the provided topics, write the appropriate hook.

Anecdote	Anecdote: One time when my grandfather gave me a ride to school, I was running a little late, so I rushed to my first class and sat down in my chair. Everyone was looking at me strangely. I looked down at myself and wondered if I had put my shirt on backward or something. Then, when the teacher was collecting our homework, she sniffed the air around me, and said so loudly that everyone could hear: "Have you been smoking cigarettes?"
Quote	"Why don't you just drink poison?" I heard Hank MacDougall say that line on the sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond," when he learned one that Robert Barone was a smoker, and now every time I see someone smoking I think to myself, "Why don't you just drink poison?"
Shocking statement	It's not that hard to quit smoking, thousands of people do it every day—when they die.
A fact or statistic	One cigarette contains 69 cancer-causing chemicals. It's no wonder, then, that cigarette smoking kills more than 480,000 people each year in the U.S.
An interesting question	Did you know that one in five people die each year because of smoking?