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Three Serendipitous Nouns and an Inviting Opening Paragraph

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My Person:	My Place:	My Thing:	What does my character want?
List up to four or five memorable detail words you might want to use in describing your character: • • • • •	List up to four or five memorable detail words you might want to use in describing your setting: • • • • •	List up to four or five memorable detail words you might want to use in describing your story object: • • • • •	After you have brainstormed detail words for your three serendipitous story nouns, come up with one word that would describe what your character ultimately wants in the story you're thinking about:

Before you begin drafting your opening paragraph below, listen to or read the first paragraph of Brave Margaret: An Irish Adventure one more time. Your paragraph, like the one in Brave Margaret, needs to use all three of your serendipitous nouns, and it needs to end by sharing what your character wants.

When done reading your paragraph, a reader should really want to read the rest of your story!

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When done writing your opening paragraph's rough draft, read it to a friend, then ask your friend these questions:

- What was my most memorable character detail?
- What was my most memorable setting detail?
- What was my most memorable object detail?
- What did my character want?
- Did you want to read the rest of the story? How come?

Revise and re-write your paragraph on another piece of paper. Ask your teacher if it's okay to continue writing the story later on.

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