



NOW YOU TRY: FIND YOUR OPENING SCENE

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Review your crime scenario and your sleuth's quest. Think about where you want your story to start, and find a dramatic opening scene. Is it the crime itself? The start of the investigation? Or is it some other dramatic prelude to your story?

Write a one-paragraph description of your opening scene. Be sure your scene meets the criteria shown below.



NOTES

CRITERIA FOR OPENING SCENE	DESCRIPTION OF OPENING SCENE
1. Dramatic	
2. Poses an unanswered question that propels the reader forward	
3. Sets up your story	
4. Doesn't give away too much too soon	