

# My-First-Scene Worksheet

## Choose Your Opening Scene:

- ✓ Either the first dynamic scene from your main plot

**OR**

- ✓ A scene that is not important for your main plot, but intriguing on its own (could be from a subplot). You can pick a scene from your character's everyday life, but let it evolve around an interesting question (question doesn't have to be related to main plot).

## This Is My Opening Scene:

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## Do NOT Start with This:

- Lengthy Explanation
- Description
- Backstory
- Weather or Landscape
- Information Dump
- Lots of Thoughts
- A Static Scene

**Instead, make it dynamic.** Ideally, give your readers all of this (it's okay if it's just seeing or feeling):

- *Something to see*

This is what my readers will see in this scene: \_\_\_\_\_

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- *Something to feel*

This is what my readers will feel in this scene: \_\_\_\_\_

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- *Something to think about*

This is what my readers will get to think about in this scene: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Make your readers wonder about something (questions) as soon as possible.

My readers will be looking for the answers to the following questions in the beginning (make sure your questions are interesting!):

After the first three sentences, they will ask themselves:

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After the first two paragraphs, they will ask themselves:

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After the first page, they will ask themselves:

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After the first scene or chapter, they will ask themselves:

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**Your character reveals himself automatically** when you show his actions and his dialogue. This is what my character does or says in the beginning, and what it reveals about them:

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**Notes:**