

## Writer's Tip

- The opening sentences of an essay should introduce the topic and get the reader's attention.



Would you like more vacation time? More vacation would be a great idea for our school system. The extra days would help both students and teachers. Students work harder when they are rested. And teachers are stressed out! They are overworked. Let's give teachers a break. They need a chance to get their energy back.

This is not the only way we can improve school life. Some studies have shown that listening to and studying music can improve grades. Both teachers and students may benefit from the sounds of beautiful music in the classroom.

So kids, take time to rest up, and let the music play!



## Opening Sentences

- ▶ Reread the passage. Does the opening sentence make you want to read on? Tell why or why not. List your reasons on the lines below.

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## Your Turn

- ▶ What kinds of ideas would make people want to read more? Use the graphic organizer below to write exciting ideas and an opening sentence based on those ideas.

**Exciting Idea**

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**Opening Sentence**

- ▶ Use your graphic organizer to write a paragraph with an exciting opening sentence.