

# AN EXTRA-ORDINARY BEGINNING

## Guided Reading Resource 1 – Openings

*Chapter 1 – Painful Memories:* Alexander Almas recalls events from over 10 years ago.

Authors often give readers clues as to what will happen in their novel and a 'hook' to get them interested .

- Look at *Chapter 1 – Painful Memories* again. What kind of book do you think this is going to be? What clues are you using? Support your opinion by referring to the text.
- What hooks does the author use to get you interested to read more? From the following list, which hooks does the author use: Powerful verbs, Short dramatic sentences, Dramatic vocabulary, Hints and suggestions, Clear descriptions, Complex sentences to add layers of meaning, Use of questions to draw me into the story, Use of an adverb to start the sentence to make it more interesting, Alliteration/onomatopoeia, Imagery. Give examples by referring to the text.

In a group of 3 or 4, discuss what you believe will happen in the story. Do you want to go on reading? Why? Why not? Where and when do you think this story is taking place? What tells you?

**Prepare a summary of your discussion to present to the class.**

Your notes:

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