

Module 6: Writing a Research Paper

Topic 2 Content: Types of Hooks

Introduction

Drag each type of hook at the top and drop it onto the fishhook to view some examples.

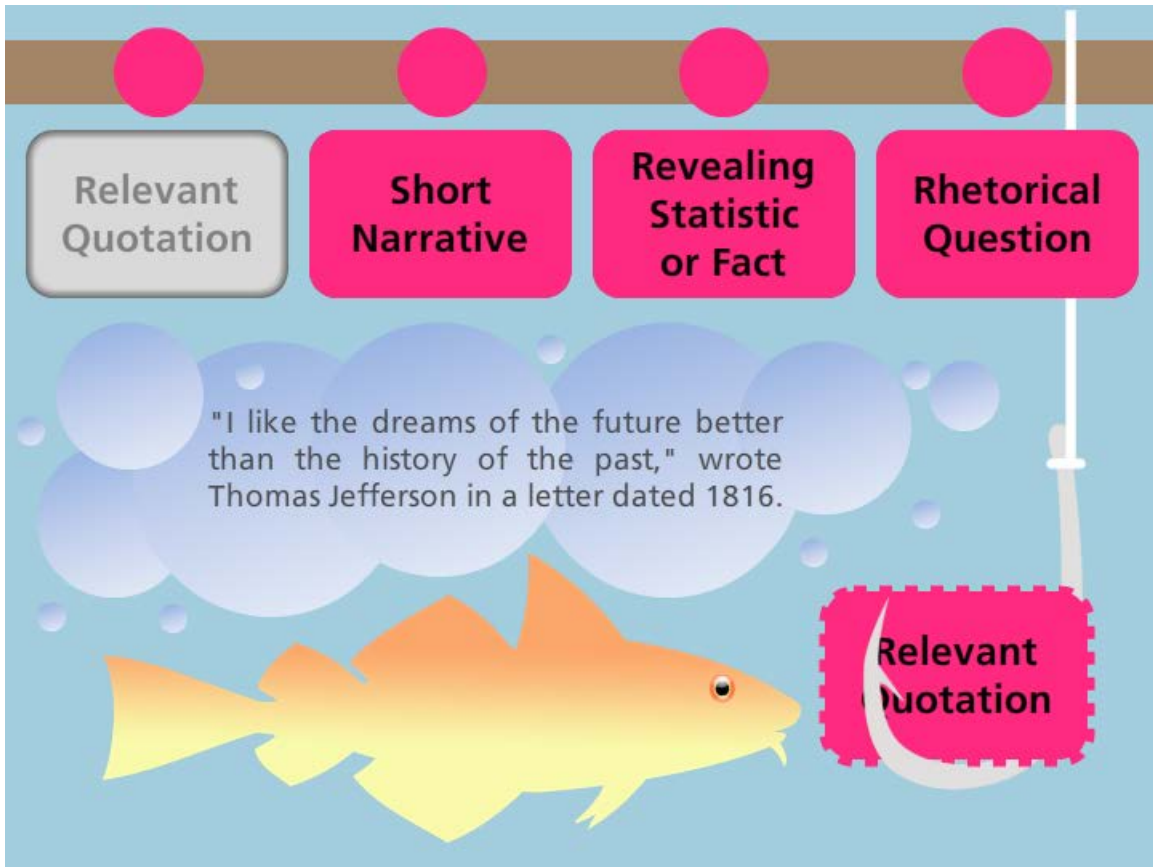
The graphic features a light blue background with a brown horizontal bar at the top. Below the bar are four pink rounded rectangular boxes, each containing a type of hook: "Relevant Quotation", "Short Narrative", "Revealing Statistic or Fact", and "Rhetorical Question". Each box is connected to the bar by a pink circle. Below the boxes, a yellow and orange fish is swimming towards a fishhook on the right. The fishhook is a white line with a hook, and a red dashed rectangular box is drawn around the hook's opening.

The first part of your research paper is the introduction. Effective introductions contain a "hook" to grab the reader's attention. The hook could be a relevant quotation from a well-known person, a short narrative, a revealing or startling statistic or fact, a rhetorical question, or a thought-provoking image, to name a few. Drag each type of hook at the top and drop it on the fishhook to view some examples.

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Relevant Quotation



"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past," wrote Thomas Jefferson in a letter dated 1816.

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Short Narrative

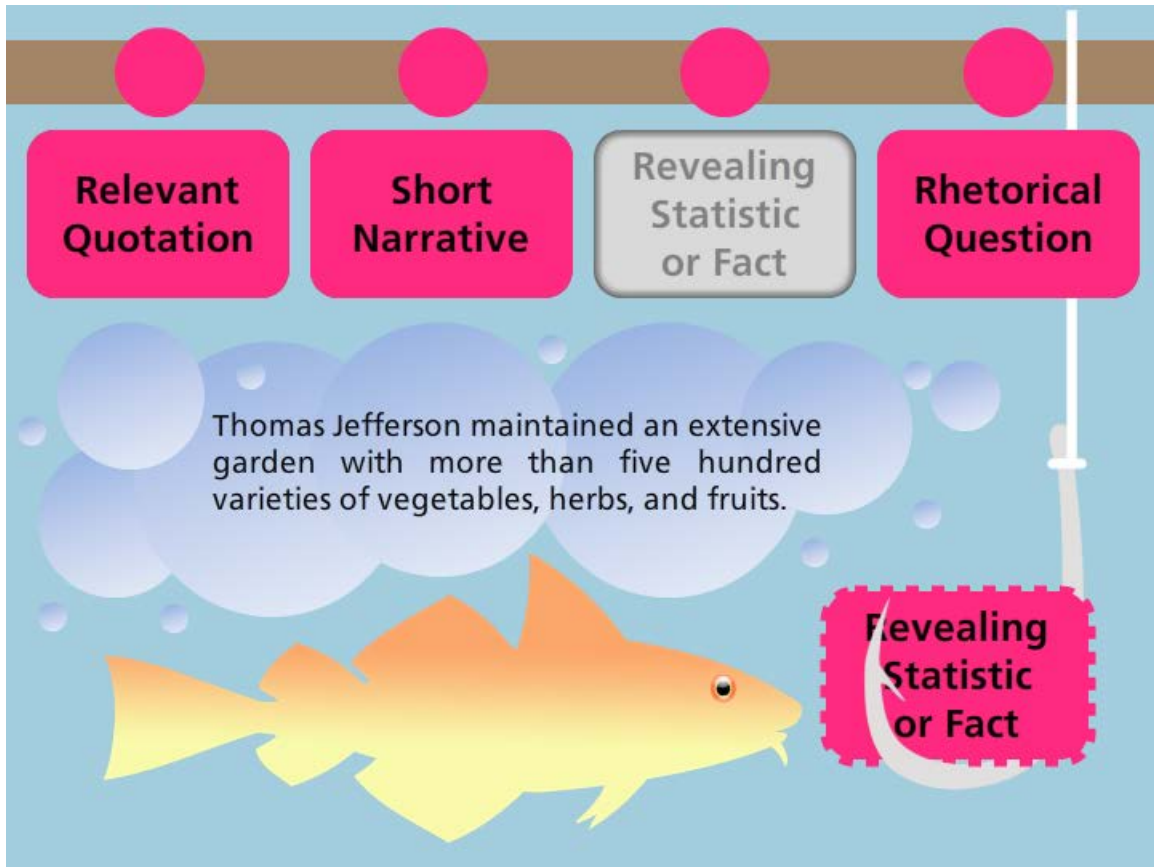
The infographic features a horizontal bar with four pink circles above it. Below the bar are four rounded rectangular boxes: 'Relevant Quotation' (pink), 'Short Narrative' (grey), 'Revealing Statistic or Fact' (pink), and 'Rhetorical Question' (pink). A large blue speech bubble with a yellow arrow points to the 'Short Narrative' box. Inside the bubble is the text: 'When Jefferson's home burned down in 1770, he lost the nearly two hundred books he had inherited from his father. By 1815, he had amassed a collection of more than six thousand titles, explaining to John Adams that he "cannot live without books."' A smaller pink box with a dashed border and a white arrow points to the same text, labeled 'Short Narrative'.

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Revealing Statistic or Fact

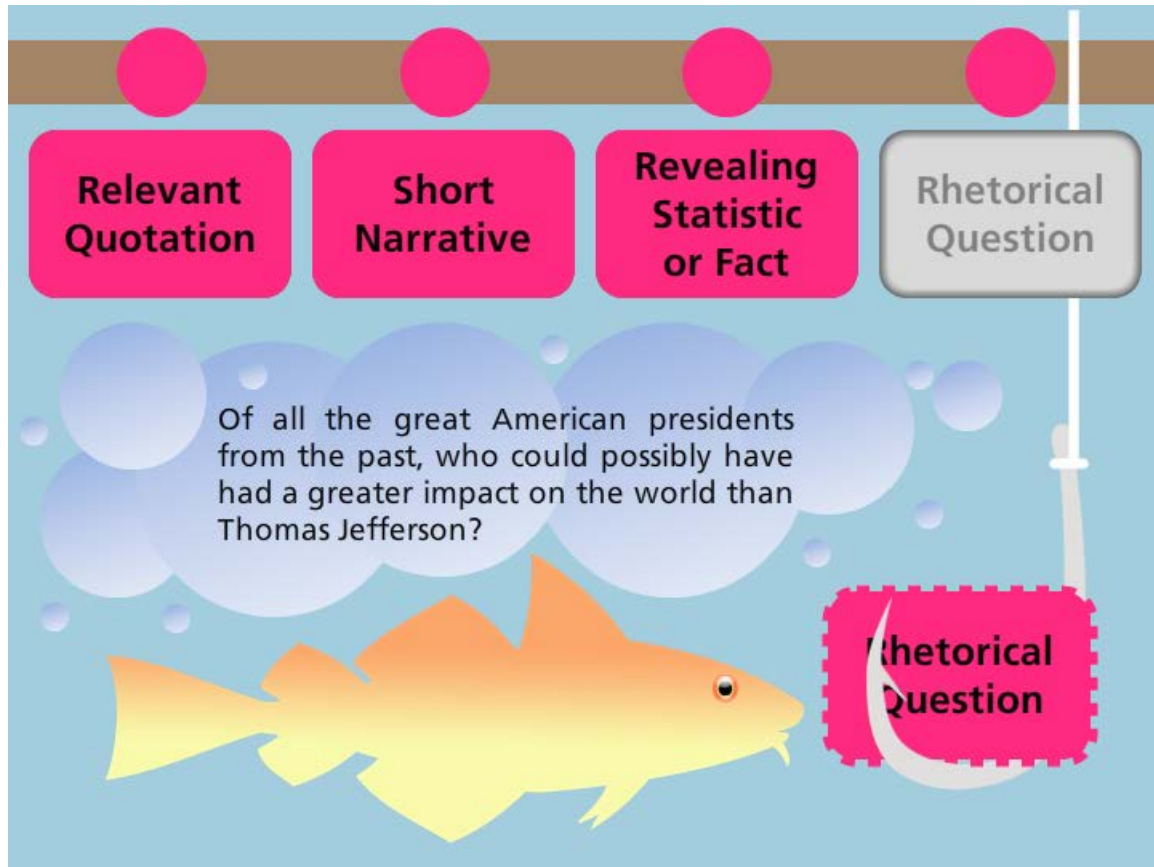


Thomas Jefferson maintained an extensive garden with more than five hundred varieties of vegetables, herbs, and fruits.

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Rhetorical Question



Of all the great American presidents from the past, who could possibly have had a greater impact on the world than Thomas Jefferson?

Notice that a rhetorical question is not meant to be answered, at least not right away. A rhetorical question is another way of making a statement or emphasizing a point, and it can be used to great effect. The example rhetorical question provided is not seeking information; it is indirectly making a suggestion to the reader.