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Your opening lines are vital to your manuscript. First impressions sincerely do matter. How often have you started reading a book but failed to get past the first few pages? The opening pages of a story, memoir, or novel must hook the reader. We will discuss the essential elements of the first pages needed to motivate readers to continue reading.

To assist with our workshop and make it more interactive, we are asking you to email your first page(s), no more than 2 typewritten pages, using Word doc or docx, double-spaced for ease of reading, using 12 pt Times New Roman or Cambria font, with 1-inch margins all around. These pages will be added to the PowerPoint presentation as examples. Author's names will not be on the PowerPoint or mentioned, remaining anonymous unless the author wants to speak up. This is a terrific way to get feedback on your work without embarrassment.

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