**Year Six Writing Lesson 1**

**Openings to Stories**

Cut out each of the following openings to popular books. Then, order from your favourite to least favourite.

“Where’s Papa going with that axe?” (Charlotte’s Web)

“In the light of the moon, a little egg lay on a leaf.” (The Very Hungry Caterpillar)

“On Thursday, when Imogene woke up, she found she had grown antlers.” (Imogene’s Antlers)

“In an old house in Paris, that was covered with vines, lived 12 little girls, in two straight lines.” (Madeline)

“There is no lake at Camp Green Lake.” (Holes)

“There was a boy called Eustace Clarence Scrubb and he almost deserved it.” (The Voyage of the Dawn Treader)

“On the morning I was scheduled to die, a large barefoot man with a bushy red beard waddled past my house.” (Seven Wonders Book 1)

“First of all, let me get something straight: this is a journal, not a diary.” (Diary of a Wimpy Kid)

“It was a dark and stormy night.” (A Wrinkle in Time)

“Mr. and Mrs. Dursley, of number four Privet Drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much.” (Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone)

“My dad and I live in an airport.” (Fly Away Home)

“If you are interested in stories with happy endings, you would be better off reading some other book.” (A Series of Unfortunate Events)

“In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit.” (The Hobbit)