

Strategies for
Creative Leads & Conclusions
Language Arts 7—Kaye

1. Ask a rhetorical question

- a. Have you ever experienced serious family problems? The victim of a difficult and unstable home life, Eminem survived a challenging upbringing and was still able to become the successful rapper he is today.
- b. What would you do if your eight-year-old sister began screaming curse words? While Eminem may have grown up in a difficult home environment, his lyrics still present situations and language inappropriate for teenage audiences.



2. Focus on a key issue

- a. Though many people struggle with family problems every day, Eminem is a truly inspiring role model, as he persevered through brutal struggles at home and still achieved amazing success. Eminem's in-your-face lyrics reflect his difficult upbringing and should be respected by audiences of all ages.
- b. It is a fact that children are highly impressionable and often repeat everything they hear from older brothers and sisters. As a result, it is problematic that teenagers listen to Eminem's music, because they repeat his inappropriate lyrics in front of younger children that do not understand why he uses this language.

3. Offer an anecdote

- a. When my parents got divorced, I was only eight-years-old and had difficulty understanding the pain I experienced. To help me cope with this trauma, I kept a journal of my deepest secrets and fears, writing with language that was honest and open. Like my personal journal, Eminem writes rap music that also uses honest language to speak about the difficult experiences he had growing up.
- b. One day after school, my mom sat down my thirteen-year-old self to explain that my eight-year-old brother had gone to the principal's office for yelling a curse word at his friend on the playground. While he didn't understand what the language meant, my mom told me he had overheard me using it while singing a rap song in the car. A lot of popular music today, like that of Eminem, contains lyrics that are inappropriate and too mature for teenage audiences.