

## First Paragraph

This paragraph gives the GENERAL features and a brief overview of the book's plot.

The paragraph must have:

1. The title of the book. (e.g. The Adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein)
2. Underline the title. (**proper writing form**)
3. The genre of the book (e.g. realistic fiction, fantasy, nonfiction)
4. The author's name
5. The illustrator's name – If it is different from the author's.
6. **IF THERE IS NO ILLUSTRATOR, SAY THIS!**
7. An OVERVIEW of the book (*include the main character's name, the setting, and a hint to the the problem or personal experience*).

**I included 2 samples** of the first paragraph are below.

*\*The paragraphs in the box are samples of what the first paragraph should include. Your child's paragraph may not duplicate my writing, but include all the required information listed above in the bulleted list.*

*\*NOTE the main character's name, setting, and hint to the problem are stated in the brief overview of the book. This overview ends the first paragraph.*

**The Adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein** is an example of **humorous fiction**. The **author is Johanna Hurwitz**, and the **illustrator is Gail Owens**. *David Bernstein, the main character, is an eight-year-old boy who lives in Manhattan, New York. He is very dissatisfied with his name because too many other boys in his class have this name. This makes him feels ordinary. He adopts the nickname, Ali Baba. He thinks having a name like this will make his life unique and exciting!*

OR

My book report book is **entitled The Adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein**. The **genre of this book is humorous fiction**. The **author is Johanna Hurwitz**, and the **illustrator is Gail Owens**. *The main character is David Bernstein, a.k.a. Ali Baba. David Bernstein lives in Manhattan in New York City. He feels his life is boring and too ordinary. In his classroom at school there are three other boys named David. He decides to call himself, Ali Baba. With this new name he thinks his life will be exciting and adventurous. He will be unique and not like all the other Davids in his class.*