

# After the first draft, then what? (2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up)

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After choosing a story from your daybook to publish, you are ready to write the full story in a booklet. Remember; write ONE part of your story on ONE page of your booklet. You can use ½-sheets for each part or whole-sheets for each part.

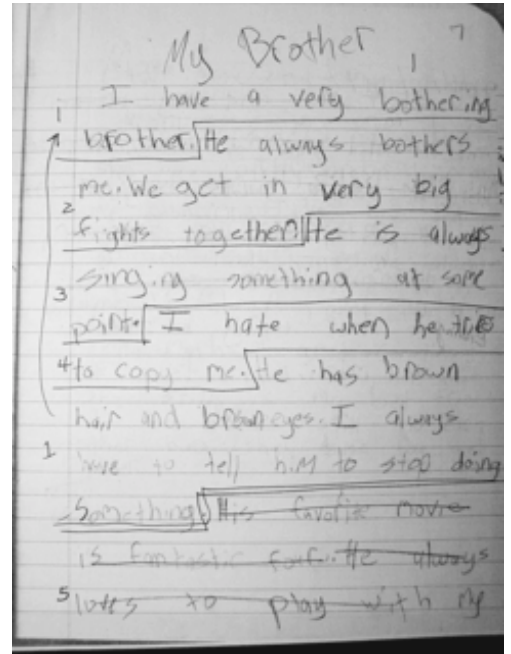
**Teachers:** Writing one paragraph per ½ sheet of paper works in essay or research writing as well!

**Just don't copy the story over. Here are some suggestions:**

Find the parts of your story in your daybook. Draw lines through the story to show where the parts are. *See the photo right.*

Summarize that part of the story in a simple headline summary statement like this: *Mom's rule*. Write the summary and copy that part from your daybook on a ½ sheet of paper.

As you write, make any changes you want to make. I improved the way I wrote my first sentence to make it clearer.



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|   | Part I: Mom's rule   |
| ○ | My mom has a rule. When we get home from school and we find no one at home, we're supposed to wait outside for her.  |
|   | <i>I know other mothers think that they're children are safer inside the house than outside, but I think my mother was more worried that we would hurt the house than we would get hurt.</i> |

Reread each ½ page. Write more about the “subtopic” of your story to fill out each part of your story or essay. I added more to my first page when I realized my introduction was so short and unclear. *(See the sentences in Italics above!)*

If you realize you forgot an ending through this process, get another paper and write one!

If you forgot a whole part, get another paper and write one!

If you think one part shouldn't be in your story, throw it away!

**Get your story or essay as ready as you can to bring to CONFERENCE CIRCLE!**

