

After the first draft, then what? (2nd 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.

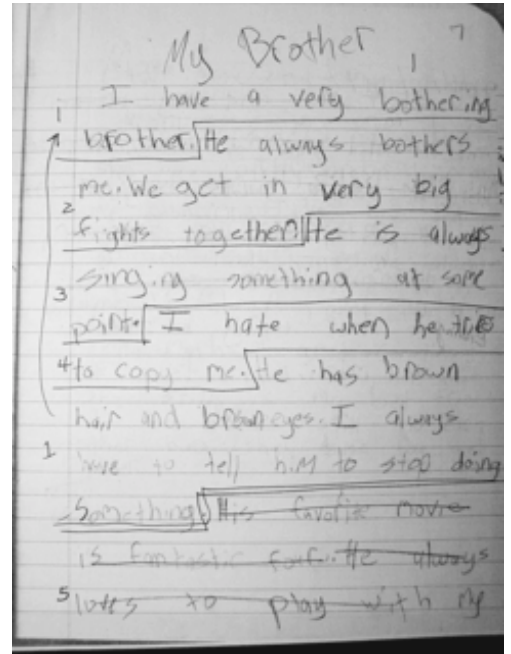
Teachers: Writing one paragraph per ½ sheet of paper works in essay or research writing as well!

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.



	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!

