

Lesson 5: End Your Adventure

UNIT: Australian Adventures

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, it's Anne. By now you've written most of an exciting adventure story. You've written about two events and a big thrilling surprise. You're almost ready to make your adventure story book.

But before you make your book, all stories need an ending. As a writer, you get to decide what kind of ending your character will have. Your character has been through so much on their amazing adventure. They deserve to have an ending that is meaningful for them.

If I wrote an ending like this, "And then Harper went home. The end." That wouldn't be meaningful for Harper at all. My reader would be wondering, what was the point of Harper going on that whole adventure?

To write a meaningful ending, writers connect their ending to what happened at the beginning of the story. Your character wanted something, then they got what they wanted, even if there were obstacles along the way. What they do when they return from the journey can help show why this adventure was important to the character.

You already planned this part of your story here and you planned what your character learned from all these adventures. Both of these parts of your story plan can come together to make a meaningful ending.

In my story, I've been writing about Harper who wanted to get a picture of a trilobite fossil for her social media account. As you listen to my ending, see if you can notice what Harper does when she returns and what she learned from all her adventures. Here's what I wrote:

- When Harper returned home, she immediately flopped into an armchair. She was grateful for the feeling of dry socks on her feet. She posted the photo of the fossil on her social media account, and wrote about all her adventures in the caption. Immediately, her followers started replying with amazement at her bravery. She hadn't really thought of herself as brave before. "I guess I am brave after all," she thought to herself. With a little smile, Harper returned her camera and her favorite binoculars to their shelf in her closet. "Until the next adventure," she thought.

DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: Do you think this adventure was meaningful for Harper? Why or why not?

HOOK 2

Maybe you thought it was meaningful for her because she posted the picture on her social media account, which is what she wanted from the beginning of the story. Or maybe you thought it was meaningful because she learned that she's brave. These are the two parts of my story that I planned on my story map.

Along the way, in my ending, I also used some of the skills that we've worked on before. I included character details—her favorite binoculars, character reactions—her little smile, and sensory details like the feeling of dry socks. You can use all the skills you've practiced to make your ending feel as real to your reader as the rest of the story.

Today, you'll write the end of your story and create your adventure story book. You'll write what they did and what they learned. Along the way, you can include all the writing skills you've practiced.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies.

STEP 2

Get your Story Draft worksheets. Quietly read what's happened in your story so far to yourself.

STEP 3

Look at the last box of your Story Map. This is the part you'll be writing about today.

If you want to make any changes to your plan, you can do that now.

STEP 4

Now you'll have lots of drafting time to write the ending of your story on your Story Draft worksheet.

If you stopped writing right after the escape, you might want to add more details about your character's reaction or their journey home before you write your ending, and that's okay.

Along the way, see where you can add in the writing skills you've practiced. Character details, reactions, and sensory details.

Your teacher will tell you how long you have to draft.

STEP 5

If you wrote on extra story draft pages today, make sure you continue the page numbers to keep your story in order.

STEP 6

Before writers share their writing, they edit their writing. Writers check for capitals and punctuation. They also check for spelling errors. And they read through to make sure all the parts of their story make sense. If you find any mistakes in your story, you can erase and change them.

Your teacher will tell you how long you have to edit your writing.

STEP 7

Alright, Adventure Story Club members. It's time to build your final adventure story book.

Before you continue, get these new supplies.

To make room on your desk, you can put your story map away.

STEP 8

Get your story cover page. Fill in the blanks with a title for your story and your name as the author.

STEP 9

Fold each of your Story Draft pages in half on the dotted line, like this. Make sure your story is on the outside of the folded paper. Run your finger along the edge to make a strong crease.

STEP 10

Fold your cover page in half on the dotted line, like this.

STEP 11

Stack your folded Story Draft Pages in order in a pile with page one on the top. Your pile should go in odd numbers with page one on the top, then three, five, and so on.

Make sure they are in a neat pile with the edges lined up.

STEP 12

Take your folded cover page with the title on the front. Open the fold like this and place your stack of folded story draft pages into the cover page.

Double check to make sure when you lift the title page, your page one is right side up and ready to be read.

STEP 13

Make sure all your pages are lined up and neatly stacked inside of your story cover. Use a stapler to put three staples on the staple icons.

If you're waiting your turn for a stapler, you can start drawing a picture for the cover of your book.

STEP 14

Fold over the top of your book on the solid line here. Be aware of the staples while you fold. They can be sharp. Press down to make a strong crease, then unfold it.

STEP 15

It's time for the final touches. On the back of your book, fill in the blanks to complete a story summary. When you've completed your summary, use your coloring supplies to make a fun cover for your story.

WRAP UP

Amazing job, writers! The Adventure Story Club is now full of incredible Australian adventures.

You can share your thrilling tales with classmates, friends, or family. Your stories will bring excitement and thrills to anyone who reads them.

Now that you are experienced adventure story writers, you can keep writing more adventure stories and bring more amazing characters to life.

I can't wait to see where your imagination takes you. I'll see you next time.