

## Road to Publishing: Final Story Assignment

You have been practicing, brainstorming, and plotting...now it is time to finish the journey by publishing your work through our class publication company<sup>1</sup>. You will be published once you submit your work to the editor (who you may know as your teacher!).

As you have traveled down this road, you have looked at:

- Imagery
- Setting
- Characters
- Characterization
- Dialogue
- Point of view
- Conflict
- Plot
- Publication details

To write your final story, you are going to put all these elements together into one coherent narrative. To create that narrative, you should write, edit, and revise until you are confident that every element meets the publication requirements on the **Your Editor Says...** rubric.

The editing process starts with writing the first draft. Don't worry too much about what it looks like—as the famous author William Faulkner said, “Get it down. Take chances. It may be bad, but it's the only way you can do anything really good.”

Then you will complete a self-edit, and make changes based on your **Self-Edit Worksheet**.

After these changes, you will be assigned a peer editor to assist you, and then make changes based on the **Peer Edit Worksheet** that he or she completes.

Finally, you will look over the **Your Editor Says...** rubric one last time, and make your final submission to your editor, who will help you prepare your manuscript for publication.

So go forth and write something that is important to you! As Virginia Woolf says, “So long as you write what you wish to write, that is all that matters.”

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<sup>1</sup> A publication company is in charge of distributing the author's work. Some famous companies are Scholastic, Random House, HarperCollins, and Oxford University Press. You can bring ideas about what to name the class publication company to the next lesson!