

Everything you need to write & illustrate
YOUR OWN BOOK.



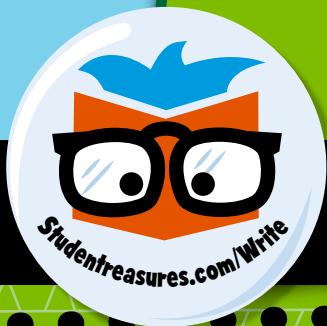
Dream
big!

The Write Thing

Tips,
creative exercises,
inspiration galore...
& more!

Get ready
for the fun!

You're
about to become
a published
author!



Follow The Write Thing to get started ...

Dear soon-to-be-published author –

Hi! We're Hank Hardcover and Paige Turner, published authors – just like you're about to become! Along with our blue monster friend, The Write Thing, we're here to help make sure your book is spectacular.

However, the most important part of this process is YOU.

YOUR brain is one-of-a-kind and you have lots to share – stuff that matters to you. Now's your chance to jot it down, illustrate, and publish your ideas in a real book.

Want the world to know how cool your pet iguana is? Please share! Dream of a place where a kid is the President? Create it!

Bring fun facts, silly creatures, or made-up worlds to life in your own words and drawings.

Let your imagination soar,
and HAVE FUN!

Hank, Paige
and The
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Our handy-dandy checklist for getting started!

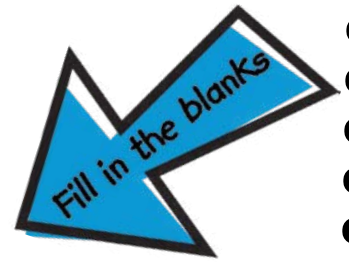
Warm up your fingers with a few wiggly exercises (and only if no one is looking). Squeeze your brain to get the creative juices flowing. (Just kidding!) Or, simply take these steps to get started:

- Find a comfortable place.
- Review all the pages of your download before you begin.
- Start the fun with our brainstorming, creative writing, doodling, drafting, and fill-in-the-blank activities!
- Take a look at one of your favorite books to be inspired . . . but don't be afraid to follow your own path.
- Use the included storyboard to start planning and creating your book!
- Gather your favorite black pens. Get those markers out. It's time to create your book!



Warm up with fill-in-the-blank fun!

The Plan to Save Our Town



Authored by _____
Your Name Here

No one in our small, mountain town could believe what was about to happen! It was a _____ night at the _____, which was surrounded by large pine trees. My friend, _____, and I were there to locate _____. It was difficult to see because _____, which made us feel _____. Fortunately, _____ had brought a handy _____ and a watch. We only had 10 minutes to find the _____ and get back home. If we achieved this mission, everyone in town would finally be free from _____. I am small but smart and _____ is tall and fast, so together we make a good team. Our pet _____ also was with us and could alert us to danger. Good thing because suddenly, _____! We were able to beat the _____ and get away safely. In the end, we saved the town and became local heroes. To celebrate, the entire town _____. Everything was back to normal until the next full moon...

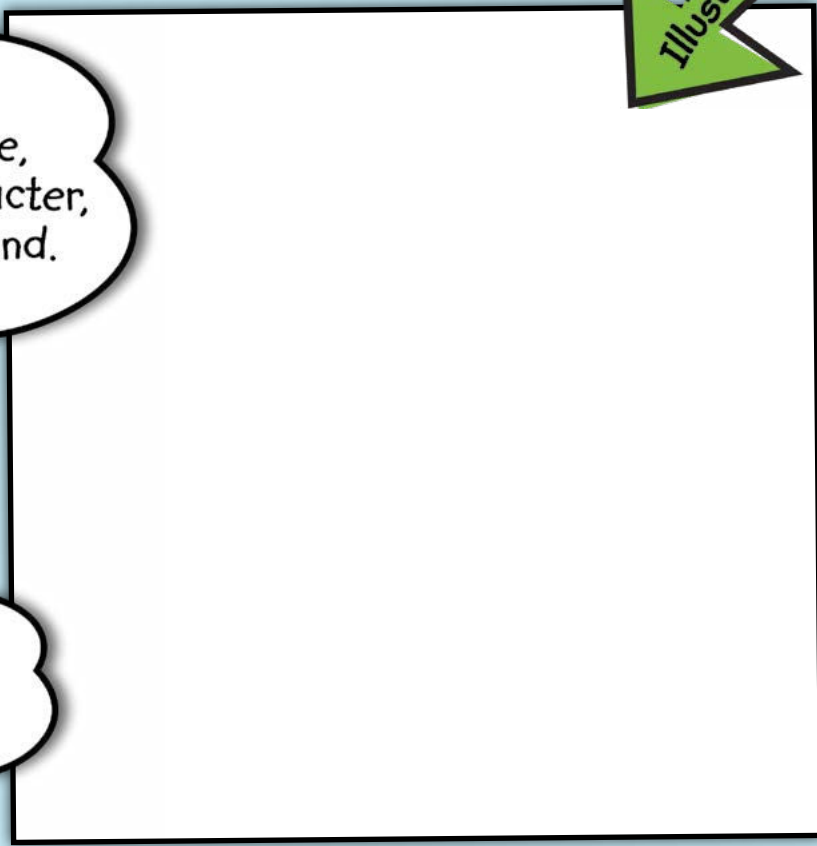


Let's practice!

Fill in the blanks above, keeping descriptive character, setting and plot in mind.



Then, illustrate it here!



Where will your imagination take you?

Famous people write about themselves in **autobiographies**. Poets craft meaningful words. **Historians** help us learn through the past. **Fiction** writers make up their own stories that keep us turning pages! **Fantasy authors** create new worlds and magical characters. All types of people write about all types of topics. Now, it's YOUR turn!



Getting inside your brain! What makes you ... YOU?

You're a super cool person just for being YOU. All the different things that make up you, make you unique. We know you have a story to tell, cool facts to share or an artistic flair. Perhaps you're a famous doodler or know 101 things about dinosaurs. Want to teach others about solar energy or robotics? Go for it! If you've always wanted to create your own character and a whole new world, now is your chance.

What makes you special? Fill in the blanks to find out!

If I could live anywhere on Earth or in outer space, it would be _____

My favorite school topic is _____

My family is interesting because _____

My favorite animal is _____

If I could do anything, it would be to _____

When I'm sleeping, I'm certain my pet _____

The coolest place I visited is _____

My friends and I like to _____

My super power would be to _____



A **CLOSER** LOOK Inside



The Write Thing has lots of ideas inside his brain, and so do you. This is **YOUR** book, so you get to decide! Here are some topic ideas to write about, or feel free to create your own.

Some of The Write Thing's favorite book ideas, topics or titles:

- All about Me (an autobiography)
- My Family's Story
- A Make Believe World (fantasy or fiction)
- 101 Things I Know About _____
(Non-Fiction, Science, History, etc.)
- Cartoons
- My Invention
(let out your inner Thomas Edison)
- Poems (silly or serious)
- A Mystery (The Case of the Missing . . .)

- My Best Family Vacation
- All about my Grandpa
- Facts about my State (town or country)
- Things that Live in the Ocean
- The History of _____
(pick any topic)

**Don't forget
your illustrations!**

Spend some time making bright, bold drawings to make your story pop!



Still not sure what to write about? Try one of these story starters!

One Wish

You have been granted one wish. What would it be? Share all the details about it, including what would happen after it was granted.

App Frenzy

Create a mobile app that could be used in your school or community. What would the application do? How would it help you, your friends, or others?

Game Developer

Have you always wanted to design your own online game? What characters, challenges or adventures would it include? The world needs more games! Share your idea.

Future Creativity

What will the world be like in 100 years? How will people live? How will it be the same and how will it be different from today?

Extraordinary Animals

Describe your favorite animal. How is it extraordinary? Describe its appearance, personality or unique characteristics. Share an odd or interesting fact about this animal.

Creative Law

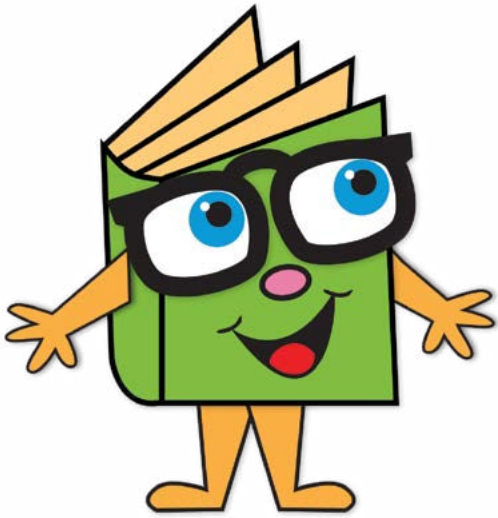
If you were given the authority to create one law, what would it be? Discuss what would happen when the law is implemented. Would others agree with the law or not? How does it help others?

Writing lets you create any world,

character, story, feeling, or action.

Creative writing allows you to be silly, serious, smart, sad, happy, curious, or informative. So, be yourself and have fun!





Bring your book to life!

When crafting your book, consider the details and remember CHARACTER, SETTING AND PLOT. Think about these points to paint a vivid picture for readers. Jot your ideas below to help you stay on track.

Who is in your story – real or make believe?

How do your characters feel?

What do they look like?

What are their unique characteristics?

Who is the main character and is there a buddy to help or a villain to battle?

Where are they?

Do they face a challenge?

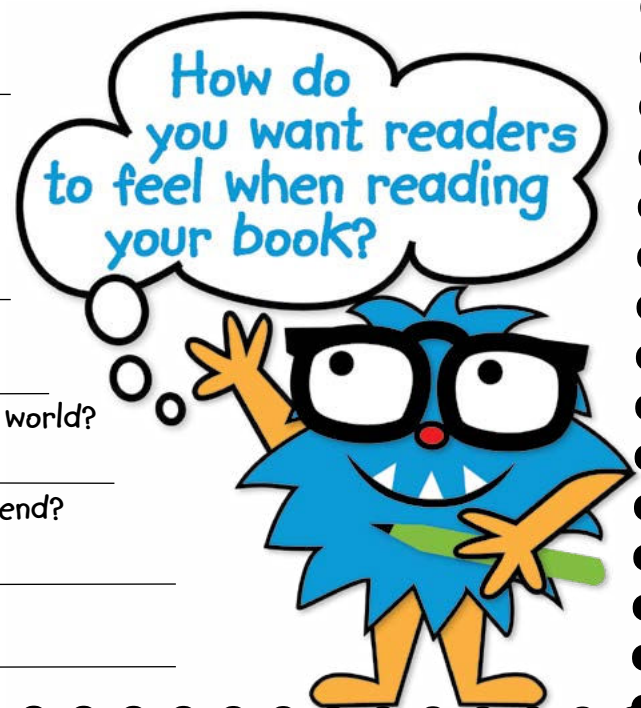
How do they overcome the challenge?

What adjectives describe the landscape, room, place or background?

What tools do they need in their adventure?

What everyday items were in your character's world?

What happens first, in the middle, and at the end?



Doodle, Sketch, and Draft!

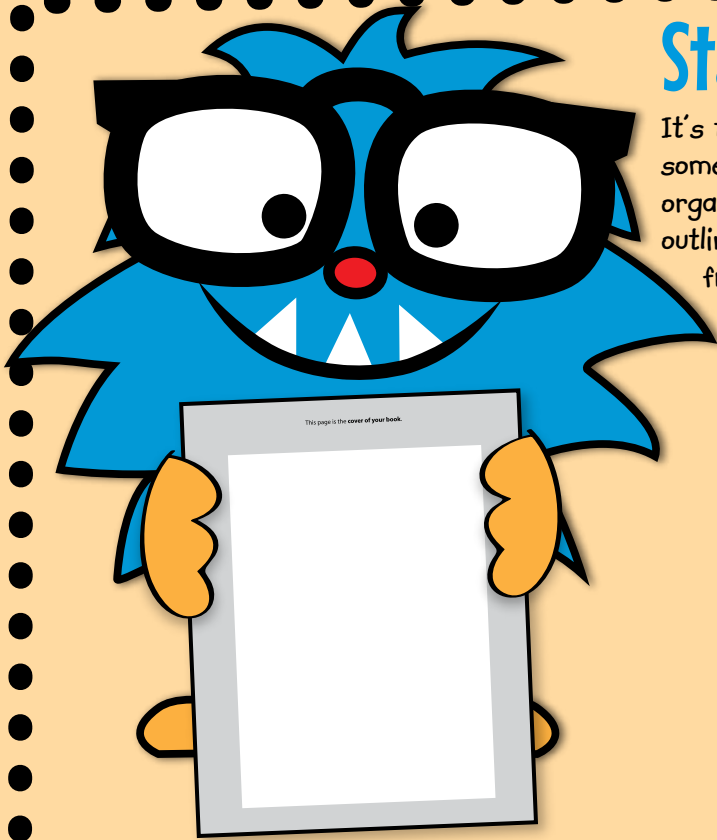


Sketch a character or setting here:

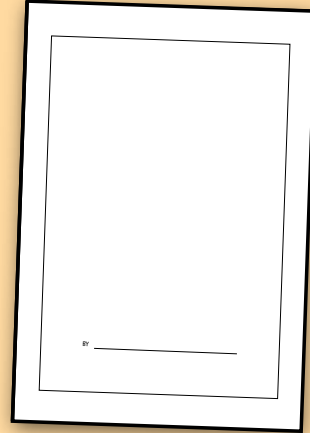
Want to share poetry, history, or facts instead? Play with some words or start a draft here:

Start with a storyboard!

It's time for some prep work! Even creativity can take some planning, and a storyboard is a great way to organize your book. What's a storyboard? It's a visual outline that helps you plan or sketch your book's details, from beginning to end. Your finished book will be printed in page layouts as shown in this storyboard. Use the below pages to sketch your plan!



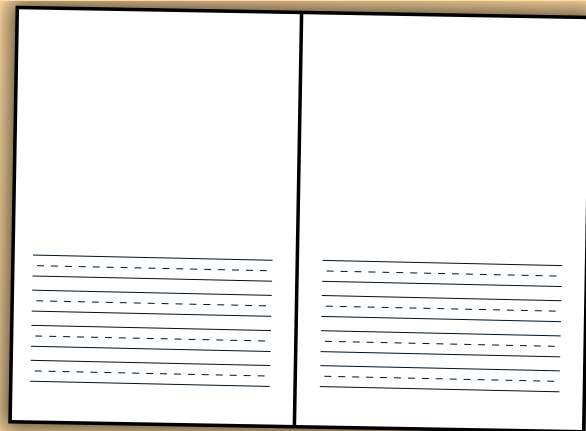
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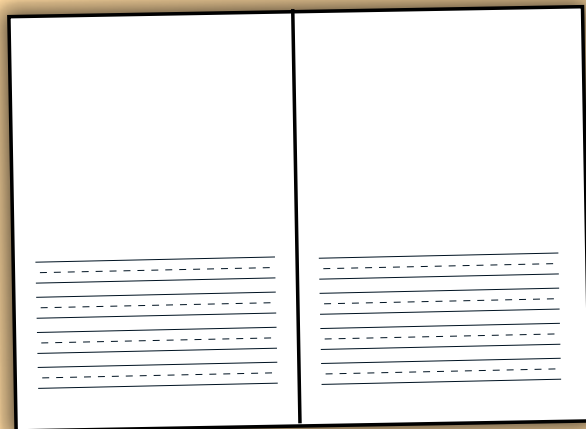


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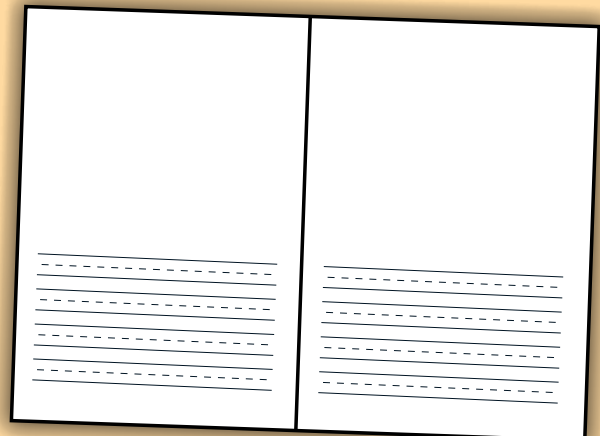
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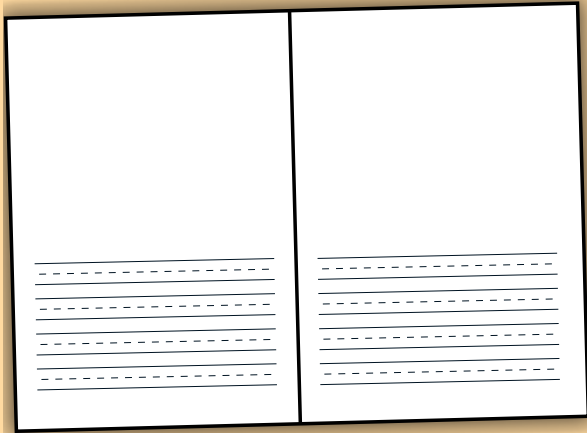
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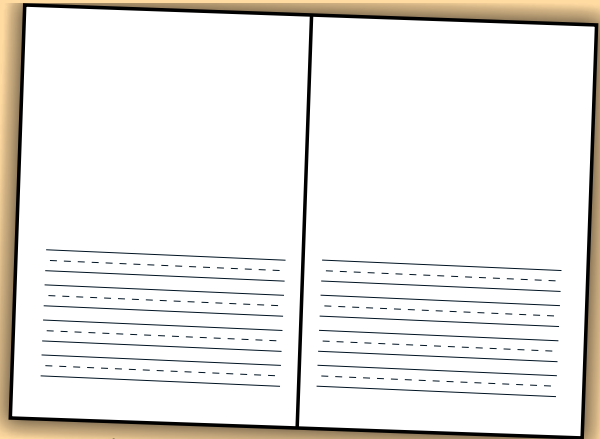
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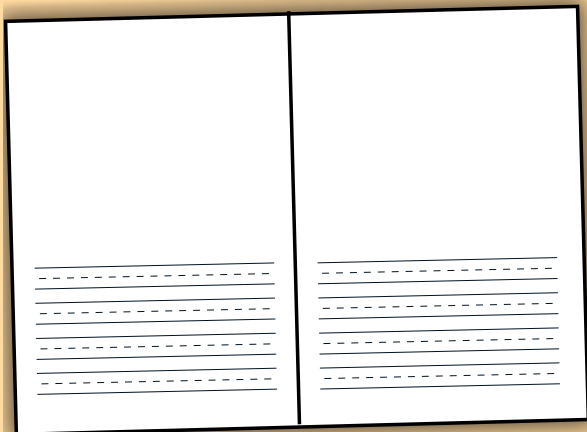
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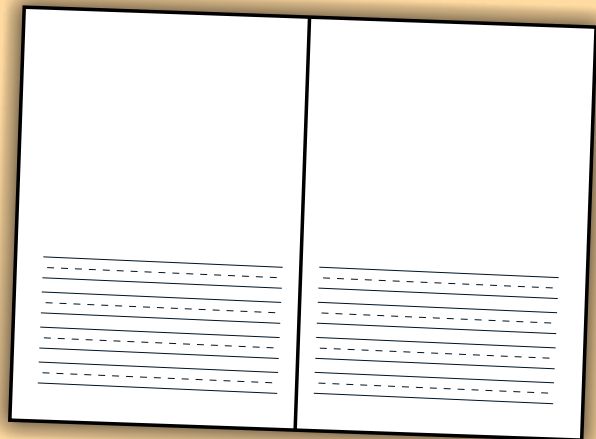
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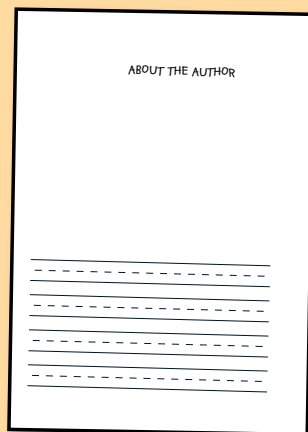
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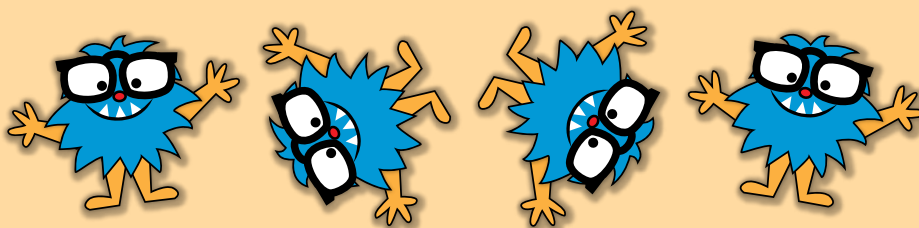
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About the Author

This page will always appear at the back of your book.



Personalizing your book ... and more!

Just like a book found in the library, your book will include a cover, title page, dedication page, and author page – all designed by you!

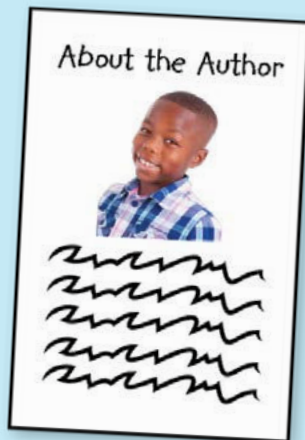
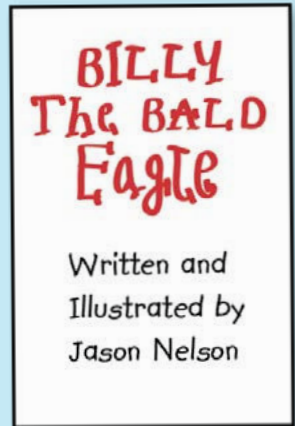
COVER PAGE

Fill the box on your cover page using washable markers.



TITLE AND DEDICATION PAGES

Check out some of your favorite books for samples and inspiration. Fill the page with a colorful illustration, simple sketch or a message you want to share.

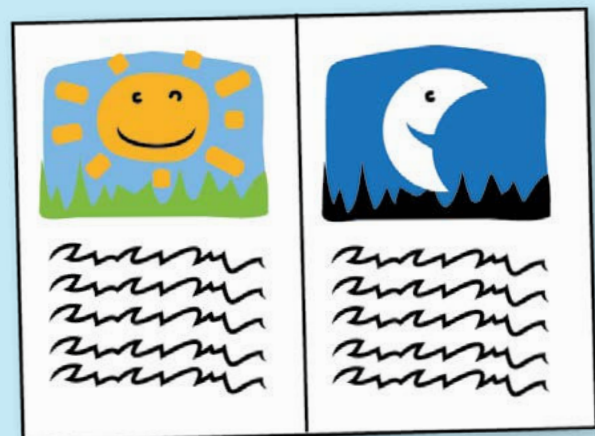


AUTHOR PAGE

Use washable markers to design this page or black ink to share some background about yourself. Feel free to use glue to include a photo! Please don't use clips or tape on the photo. (Your original photo will not be returned.) This will be the last page in your book.

STORY PAGES

Here's where you share your story, using black ink for text and washable markers for illustrations. Use all 14 pages so there are no blank pages in your book.



Illustrate & Write Illustrate & Write

For the best book possible . . .

Simply follow these instructions and tips:



- Remember to **print single sided** and only write on the numbered side of your book pages.
- Use **washable markers** to create big, colorful pictures and **black ink** for your hand-written stories.
- Mess up? No worries! **Print additional pages as many times as you need.**
- **Use all 14 pages** we've provided or your book will include blank pages at the end.
- **Proofread your book.** Your book will be printed exactly as we receive it!
- Reach out to us if you need help. Our contact information is on the last page of your download.

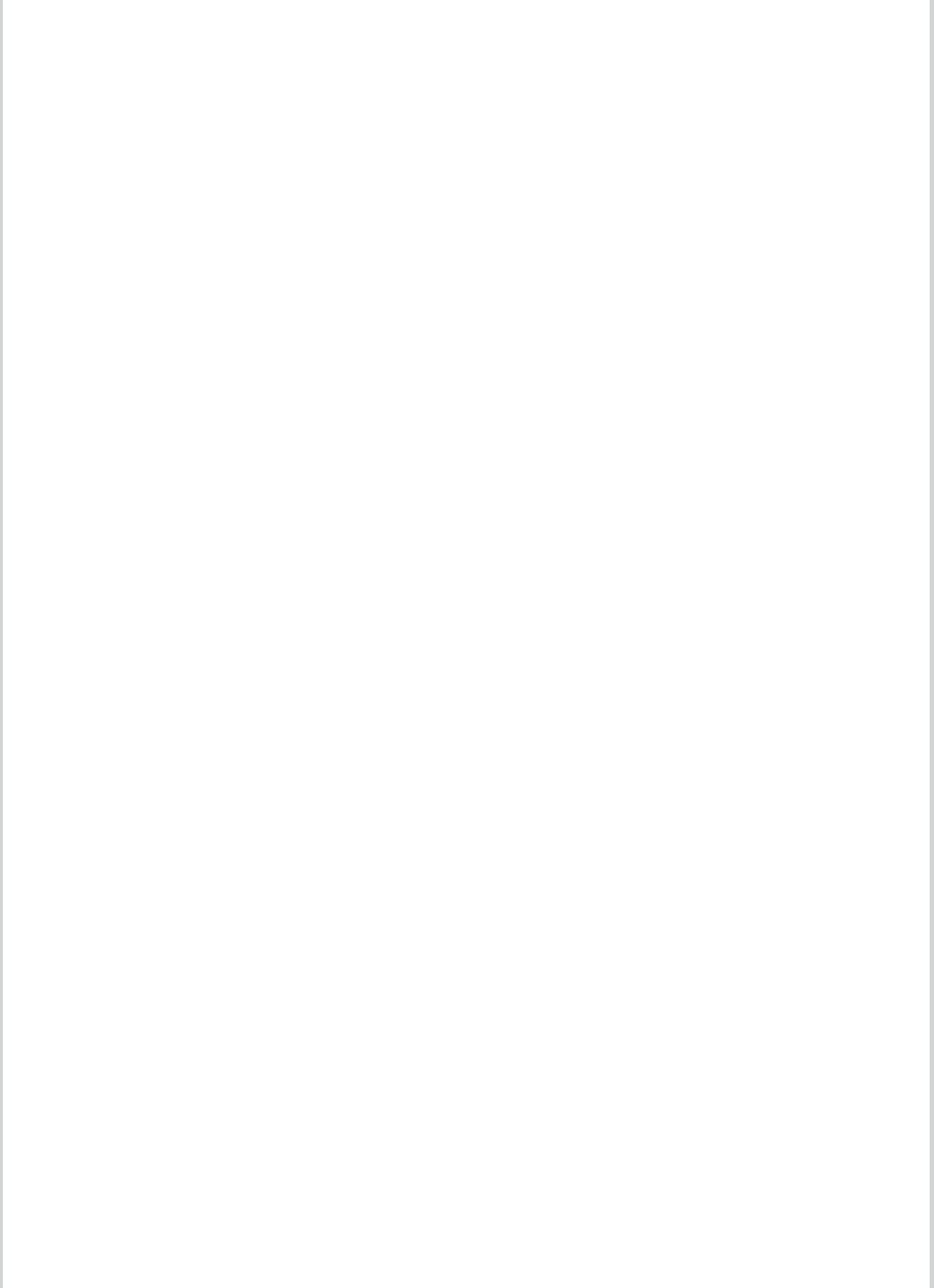


Your book starts here!



This page is the **cover of your book.**

INSTRUCTIONS: Use markers or glue a photo to fill only the box below with your cover illustration. Include the book title in your design.
Anything outside of this box will not be included in the cover artwork.



BY _____

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Handwriting practice lines consisting of four sets of three horizontal lines each. Each set includes a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



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Replacement cover of your book.

INSTRUCTIONS: Use markers or glue a photo to fill only the box below with your cover illustration. Include the book title in your design. Anything outside of this box will not be included in the cover artwork.



This is a replacement title page. Use markers to write the title of your book and sign your name.

BY _____

This is a replacement page. Create your Illustration here using washable markers and your story using black ink. Remember, only use the front of this page.

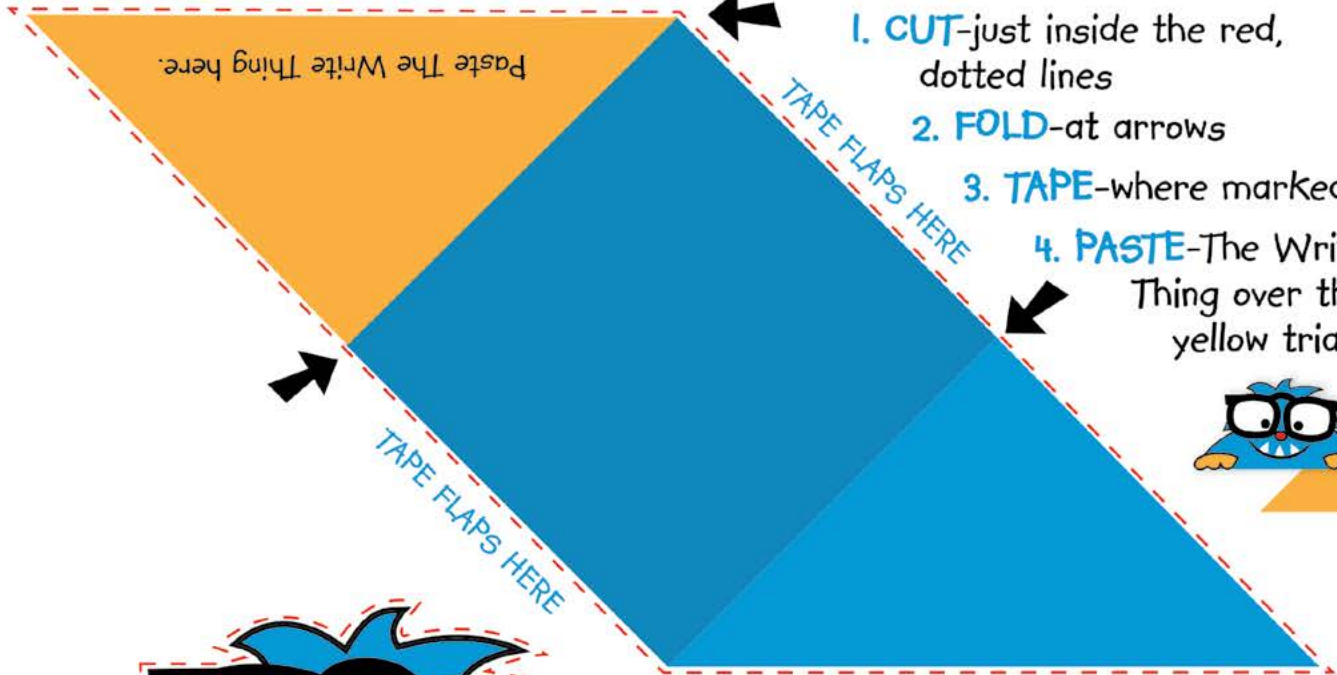
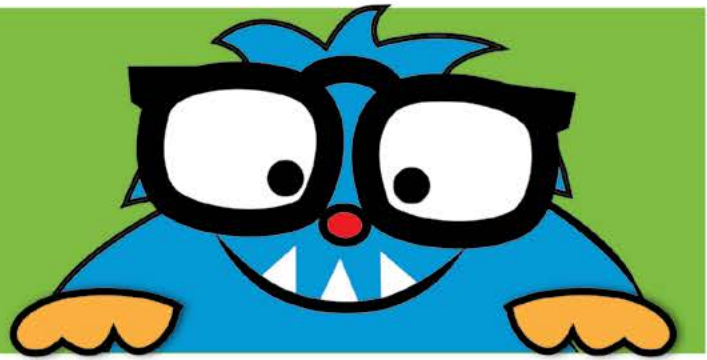
The image shows a writing template consisting of six sets of horizontal lines. Each set is composed of three lines: a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. These lines are arranged vertically down the page, providing a guide for letter height and placement. The dashed middle line is positioned approximately halfway between the top and bottom solid lines.







Make your very own "The Write Thing" Bookmark



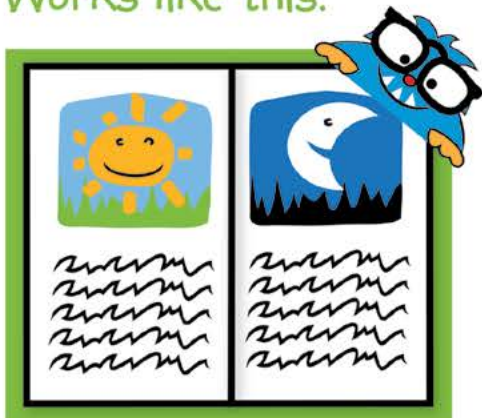
1. **CUT**-just inside the red, dotted lines
2. **FOLD**-at arrows
3. **TAPE**-where marked
4. **PASTE**-The Write Thing over the yellow triangle



Looks like this.



Works like this.



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Then, follow the steps below to publish your writing into a real book like in the library.

1 Prepare your completed kit for publishing:

- Organize your cover, title, dedication, and **book pages** in numbered order, according to your storyboard, and then your author page last.

2 Tell us about your book

- Complete the details about your book below so we know what to print on the cover and spine of your book:

Author's First Name: _____

Author's Last Name: _____

Author's Book Title: _____

3 Contact information

Parent Name: _____

Email: _____ (Your email will not be shared.)

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Order Number: _____ (Included in your confirmation email.)

4 Pack it up & drop it off at UPS:

- Pack your masterpiece into a box along with this page.
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- Drop your package at UPS.

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