



Write a Book in a Day



**THE KIDS'
CANCER
PROJECT**

Science. Solutions. Survival.

Suggested schedule – 9.5 hours

8am	Receive the parameters for the story. Imaginary worlds are permitted but the story must be set in Australia or be identifiably Australian. <i>Tip: Don't forget the story needs to be appropriate for 10-16 year olds.</i>
8 – 8.30am	Map out the characters; make them interesting, describe their appearance, describe current state of mind, their interests, their dreams for the future, where they live, give them a family and map those too.
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8.45 – 9am	Make up the plot around the issue and how it is resolved. Start with something that disturbs the status quo. It might be a problem or conflict(s). Determine the solution and ending.
9 – 9.30am	Break the story into chapters and allocate a chapter to each person. Every chapter should have some excitement – create tension. Develop a naming convention for chapters.
9.30 – 1pm	Write the story. Check the manual for your division's minimum and maximum word counts (do not go over your word limit or you will be disqualified). If you get writers block, seek ideas from others in the team.
1 – 1.30pm	Lunch. Read your story aloud from beginning to end while having lunch. Identify major inconsistencies.
1.30 – 3.45pm	Editing. Recommend two team members start with macro editing, ensuring the chapters flow together and create a consistent story. They then look at punctuation and grammar. Check for consistency in headings, fonts. Illustrator(s) to work on the front and back covers. Remember, it's a children's book so include lots of pictures. Another team member should be allocated to complete the copyright notice, dedication, back page book review.
3.45 – 5pm	Put the book together. Scan illustrations and add them into the book. Superimpose information onto front and back pages. Do final editing. Front cover page must have title and team name. Include the Parameters Form. School teams write an acknowledgement to teachers and school. Back cover page summary or review and recommended age for book.
5 – 5.30pm	Print and bind the hard copy. Compress the digital version of your document and save it as a PDF and upload it to writeabookinaday.com (or email to info@writeabookinaday.com). Congratulate yourselves for writing a book in a day!