



Sample 12 hour team writing plan

- 8 - 9am Plan, plan, plan!
Read through the parameters, brainstorm ideas. Plan where you want illustrations and decide what they will be. Decide on a style, tone and point of view. Brainstorm your characters.
- 9 - 10.30am Plan your chapters. Consider what will be in each one and how they will connect. Assign each team member a book section. Work on first draft.
- 10.30 - 11am Have a break. Read through and discuss your progress so far.
- 11 - 1pm Keep working on your first draft. Ideally this will be finished by lunchtime.
- 1 - 1.30pm Relax. Time to take 30 minutes off. Leave your workspace, go for a walk, refresh.
- 1.30 - 2pm Print your first draft and bring a pen. Sit in a quiet circle and read through your book. Assess the story for continuity, writing style etc.
- 2 - 4pm Make corrections and edits. Finish off your second draft.
- 4 - 5pm Swap your chapter with another writer and edit each other's work. Check for continuity.
- 5 - 5.30pm Dinner time!
- 5.30 - 6.15pm Finish your final draft. Check that you have included everything required.
- 6.15 - 7.15pm Print and bind the hard copy.
- 7.15 - 8pm Upload your book to writeabookinaday.com
Pat yourselves on the back!



For more information and to register, visit

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READY

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A unique, creative and challenging team competition.



Write a Book in a Day



THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT

A competition with a cause

This unique, creative team writing competition is open to students in years 5 to 12 and adult writing groups. Teams write books for children who are in hospital, plus the sponsorship funds go to children's cancer research. Your challenge is to complete the book in just 12 hours from go to whoa!

What would you say to someone considering participating?

"I can only suggest to every school out there that this activity is a great chance to motivate young writers to collaborate and create a completed book, which will then be read by the 'authentic audience' of children in hospitals around Australia."

Not only does Write a Book in a Day teach teamwork, develop creative problem solving skills, and meet some English curriculum requirements, the value add to the experience is that participants are giving to a cause that is relevant in most people's lives and in their communities."

Jody McDonnell
St Vincent's College

"Your concept is brilliant, your materials are wonderful and we love the connection it builds with the community. Our kids adore it and that, after all, is what it is all about - student engagement."

Louisa Mulligan
Loreto College, Murrumbidgee



Students at OLMC Parramatta celebrate writing a book in a day!

The details

Who

Teams are made up of 5-10 people: writers, illustrators, editors and of course, someone to get the chocolate! Teams enter one of three school or two adult divisions.

What

This is no ordinary writing competition: there are a couple of twists! The book must be based on five unique story elements sent to your team, and the book must be completed in one day.

When

Registrations open 1 May. Teams can choose a date that suits them between 1 June and 31 August. Writing begins at 8am on your chosen day and the finished book must be submitted by 8pm that same evening.

Timed to coincide with Book Week, this competition is the ideal way to connect writers and illustrators in your school or community in a celebration of Australian literature.

Where

A warm shed, classroom, library, living room, boardroom or teams can go digital and communicate by live video chat and email.

Why

This is a great opportunity to learn by doing. But there's an important altruistic side of this competition. Money raised goes toward kids' cancer research.

How

The team's creative process is entirely up to them, but as they say in the classics, 'you have to be in it to win it'. To start the ball rolling:

1. Sign up and pay the registration fee
2. Read the Competition Manual to be sure you understand all the rules
3. Get your team of 5 – 10 people together
4. Choose the date you'll write your book
5. Win the support of your community and raise the sponsorship for kids' cancer research by 31 August to be in the running for the book awards!

Win

Bragging rights! Each division has several major awards across the states:

Winner Best Book
Highly Commended Book
Commended Book
Best Illustrations
Best Sponsorship

State division winners of Best Book and Best Illustrations are judged to determine which books will take out the National prizes.

