Suggested Schedule Time 9.5 hours

8:00am

Receive the parameters for the story. Imaginary worlds are permitted but the story must be set in Australia or be identifiably Australian.

Tip: **Don't forget the story needs to be appropriate for a 10–16 year old reader.**

8:00am – 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. Illustrator starts sketching them as you talk.

8:30am – 8:45am

Draw a rough map of the setting; describe the location, the time of the year, the vegetation, the buildings, the scenery, if your story is set in a magical world what does the magic do?

8:45am – 9:00am

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.

9:00am – 9:30am

Break the story into chapters and allocate a chapter to each person. Every chapter should have some excitement – create tension.

9:30am – 1:00pm

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).

Tip: **If you get writers block, seek ideas from others in the team.**

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Lunch. Read your story aloud from beginning to end while having lunch. Identify major inconsistencies.

1:30pm – 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 throughout.

Another team member should be allocated to complete the copyright notice, dedication and back page book review.

3:45pm – 5:00pm

Put the book together. Scan illustrations and add them into the book. Superimpose information onto front and back pages, don't forget to include a blurb!

Do final editing. Include the Parameters Form.

5:00pm – 5:30pm

Team Coordinator to upload the digital version of your book as a PDF and plain text file to **writeabookinaday.com** or email to **info@writeabookinaday.com**

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