



Amazing Discoveries:



**A Writer's Notebook section for what's important to you!
This is a place for drawings, notes, and reflections about Blackacre.**

More Amazing Discoveries:



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Organizing Your Writing

The next section is the Writer's Journal. As you plan your writing, use these pages to help you think about your work.



Writer's Journal

Exploration: _____

Word Bank

Main Idea(s): _____

What I Did: _____

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A First Draft

As you look back over your “Amazing Discoveries” and “Writer’s Journal”, choose one to develop as a complete piece of writing. Follow the steps below to see if you are ready to start a first draft.

1. Decide on the kind of writing you will be doing (**check only one from the entire list**):

Personal Writing

- Memoir
- Personal Narrative

Literary Writing

- Short Story
- Play (Script)
- Poem

Transactive Writing

- Letter
- Editorial
- Feature Article
- Brochure
- Practical Workplace Writing
- Other _____



2. Decide on a topic. My topic is _____

3. My audience is _____

4. I have gathered information from _____

5. I have organized information by (**check one**):

- making a web.
- making an outline.
- making lists.
- other

If you’ve done everything so far, you are ready for the first draft. Remember information your teacher has given you about a strong introduction and writing to show that you understand your topic very well. Don’t forget to finish with a conclusion that sums up your ideas and helps your audience to understand more about what you have written.

Time to get a piece of paper and get started!