

Purpose: Problem - Solution

Title: The Winning Run

Characters?

Joe, Joe's mom and dad
Coach - Mr. Brown
Team - Endicott Orange Sox
Eddie - friend & teammate

Setting?

Endicott Baseball Field
Joe's House
Summer, Saturday

Problem

Joe is afraid that they will lose their first baseball game.

Solution

Joe hits the winning run of the game.

List the EVENTS on the back.

Name: _____

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Date: _____

WHO?

Joe
Mr. Brown
Eddie
Parents

WHERE?

Joe's House
Endicott Field

WHEN?

Summer
Saturday

WHAT?

Joe is afraid they
will lose their first
baseball game.

WHY?

Joe wants to win the
game.

HOW?

Joe hits the winning
run.

Name: _____

Date: _____

MY WRITING PLAN

- Main Idea:** Who or What are you writing about?

Joe's first baseball game.

- Purpose:** Why are you writing? To explain? To describe?

To tell a story.

- Form:** What form will you use? (poem, letter, paragraph?)

Paragraphs

- Audience:** Who are your readers going to be?

Other third graders, my classmates
Age 6 - 9

- Voice:** How will your writing sound? (Serious, funny, etc.)

Serious and funny

The Winning Run

One Saturday morning in the summer, Joe woke up. He heard his mom calling him for breakfast.

At the breakfast table, Joe's parents ask him if he is excited about his first baseball game. Joe tells them that he is afraid they will lose the game. His mom and dad encourage him to go to the game, do his best, and have fun.

After breakfast, Joe's dad drove him and his friend Eddie to Endicott Baseball Field. Joe and Eddie ran to meet the rest of their team, the Endicott Orange Sox. Coach Brown tells them what positions they are going to play in this game against the Owego Thumbtacs.

In the first inning, the first three batters of the Owego Thumbtacs hit home runs. The score is 3 - 0. Joe feels

even more scared that his team will lose, but he doesn't give up.

At the bottom of the final inning, the score is 14 - 11, with the Owego Thumbtacs in the lead. The Orange Sox have loaded the bases and their secret weapon Joe is at bat. The fans start chanting, "Go Joe!"

Joe is very nervous but he remembers his dad's encouragement. He swings, and it is going, going, GONE out of the ballpark! It is a grand slam, and the Endicott Orange Sox win!

ORGANIZATION	Paragraph 1	Wakes up
	Paragraph 2	Breakfast table
	Paragraph 3	Driving to game
	Paragraph 4	First inning of game
	Paragraph 5	Last inning of game
	Paragraph 6	End of game