

HOMEWORK:

Just one week until Christmas break! So now is the time to show what you've learned so far.

For next time, write a finished draft of one of the stories you've been working on to this point. You may also write a brand new story.

The completed story should have:

- An **effective opening** that hooks the reader;
- **ONE main character** (protagonist, the one from whose perspective you tell the story) in pursuit of a
- clear, **difficult goal** the character wants to achieve;
- clear **obstacles** the character must overcome;
- **purposeful, relevant dialogue** (no chit-chat!) that a) advances the story and b) is correctly punctuated;
- action that is **shown, not told**;
- **at least 5 linked "beats"** (or events), even if they occur only inside the character's mind, in the rising action that change the protagonist and lead logically to
- a clear **climax**;
- a clear, important **change in the main character caused by the story's events**
- a clear **resolution** (one that wraps up any loose ends).