

## Lesson E Writing

A Read the notes for a blog post about a movie. Then number the events in the order they happened.

### A Movie Just about Sports? Not Quite

I was recently looking for a sports movie to review for my media class, when by chance I found one that was completely new to me. It's a fantasy story, made in the 1980s, and I loved it. It's called *Field of Dreams*.

It's the story of Ray Kinsella. Ray is a young man. Ray has bought a corn farm in Iowa with Ray's wife and young daughter. Years before, Ray had had a disagreement with Ray's father. The argument was about Shoeless Joe Jackson. Shoeless Joe was a controversial baseball player. Shoeless Joe was already dead at the time. Shoeless Joe was Ray's father's hero. Shoeless Joe had been accused of taking money to lose a game. Ray knew that the accusation had never been proven. Ray had told Ray's father that Ray could not respect a man if the man's hero was dishonest. Ray didn't really mean it. Ray's father had unexpectedly died before Ray could apologize.

Now in trouble with Ray's farm, Ray misses Ray's father so much that, following some strange signs, Ray makes the crazy decision to build a baseball field in part of the farm instead of planting corn everywhere. Ray's need to make peace with Ray's father makes Shoeless Joe's ghost appear. Shoeless Joe is followed by many other famous dead baseball players. The players' ghosts mysteriously come out of the corn field to play in Ray's field. Ray realizes that if the players step out of the playing area and cross the white lines, the players will not be able to get back into the playing area, the players will have to return to the corn field and the players will never come out of the corn field again.

One night, Ray asks Shoeless that, in return for building the baseball field, the players allow Ray to follow the players into the corn field, so Ray can see what's in the corn field. Shoeless tells Ray that Ray can't, and Ray gets upset because Ray thinks that Ray deserves a reward. But when all the players have gone back into the corn field, Ray turns around and sees Ray's father.

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Dead baseball players come out to play on the baseball field.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Ray and his father have a disagreement about Shoeless Joe Jackson.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Ray meets his father again.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. Shoeless Joe Jackson is accused of taking money to lose a game.
- \_\_\_\_\_ e. Ray builds a baseball field, not knowing it is magic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ f. Shoeless Joe Jackson stops Ray from following the players.
- \_\_\_\_\_ g. Ray wishes he had apologized to his father before it was too late.
- \_\_\_\_\_ h. The accusations against Shoeless Joe Jackson are not proven.
- \_\_\_\_\_ i. Shoeless Joe Jackson dies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ j. Ray's father dies.