You’re going to write an 8-line, 8-page story about your shoe!

A shoe story is kind of like a true story, except this story will be partly true and partly fiction or made-up. The first half is true and about your actual shoe. The second half is fiction and takes a fun turn. Writing a Shoe Story will help you internalize story structure, plus you get to write a mini book.

Step one is to choose a shoe you have that you want to write about—it can also be any other item of clothing or accessory (scarf, hat, t-shirt, sock, ring, etc.).

Step two is to make an 8-page booklet from 1 sheet of 8 1/2 x 11 notebook or printer paper that you can write your Shoe Story on.

Here’s how:
Fold your piece of paper in half.
Fold it in half again.
Unfold it once and cut along the long edge where there’s a fold.
You should now have a small booklet with 8 pages!
Feel free to illustrate when you’re finished writing it!
Then write one line on each page according to these prompts.

LINE ONE:
The title: My__[adjective]__Shoe
(Choose one adjective to describe your shoe or object of clothing.)

LINE TWO:
Describe your shoe in one sentence.
(Explain what it looks, feels, smells, or sounds like—something that makes it recognizable.)

LINE THREE:
What’s the origin of your shoe?
(Where did you get it? Was it a gift? Who gave it to you?)

LINE FOUR:
What are your feelings about your shoe?

LINE FIVE:
What magical power does your shoe have?
(Make up anything! The sky’s the limit.)

LINE SIX:
What problem arises for your shoe?
One day ________________

LINE SEVEN:
How is your shoe’s problem solved?

LINE EIGHT:
What’s the outcome? How does the story end?