



English Journal **Suggestions to Prepare an Article Manuscript**

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1. Focus on a story or narrative for a teacher audience.

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