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teacher's manual

chapter 12
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Taking risks with your writing.

From the facts, write a feature story that uses all of the information as well as at least three literary devices. Do not write a news story. Do not open with an inverted pyramid news lead.

Who:	Senior Ben Grant
What:	Finished second in the district 100-meter dash championship
When:	Last Saturday
Where:	District track meet
How:	He was suffering from a mild pulled hamstring
So what:	Until Saturday, Ben had not lost a district 100-meter race in four years of high school. He's finished second at state the past two years. As a freshman, he finished fourth at region.
Ben Quote:	"I had hoped to finish my career undefeated, but he's been on my heels all year. I knew that sooner or later, he'd beat me. But he shouldn't plan on making a habit of it."
Sam Quote:	"I'm not going to kid myself, Ben can smoke me when he's healthy. If his hamstring improves by regional, I'll be back looking up at him on that winner's stand."
Also:	The sophomore was Sam Grant, Ben's brother. Ben's father, Pete Grant, won the district 100-yard dash in 1972. His older brothers, Josh and Dan, won the district 100-meter dash championships in 2002 and 2004 respectively. On the awards stand, Sam and Ben wore their blue and red warm-ups.
Scene:	On the awards stand, Sam grabbed his brother and pulled him up on the top rung. "I wouldn't be standing here if it weren't for you," Sam said. Ben grabbed his brother's arm and raised it into the air. "No. You deserved it. You're the champ. Until the next time we run," Ben answered.