

JRN 806, Advanced Feature Writing

There are 32 lines with facts here. All the statements are true and are allowed to serve as background to the story. For instance, you may not want to use the line that includes the date, “June 29, 1975,” but even if you don’t use it you are to assume this is the time frame in which the scene takes place, that is, June–Aug 1975.

Use up to half the information, that is 15–16 lines of material, and write a scene that includes this material.

- Joe takes CP train, St. Catharines–Toronto, Toronto–Calgary, Calgary–Banff.
- Parents give him \$200. Train cost: \$93.
- Joining girlfriend Rebecca in the mountains.
- Been dating one month.
- Rebecca finished essays & exams early to resume job from previous summer.
- Grade 13 ends, Joe arrives June 29, 1975.
- Rebecca already working at The Quest for Handcrafts on Banff Avenue.
- Her boss lined up a place for her to rent on Grizzly Street.
- The house has three basement “suites.”
- All one-bedrooms with shared kitchen and washroom/shower.
- No guests after 9 p.m.
- Joe gets off train, hugs and kisses Rebecca
- Nowhere to stay.
- Many kids from Quebec, Ontario and B.C. forced to use Tunnel Mountain campgrounds.
- Joe visits Rebecca’s place, drops his duffel bag, doesn’t leave.
- They stay quiet.
- Days go by.
- Still no places to rent.
- Bedroom has one window, swings up to open, comes off its hinges.

- Joe finds no work. Money's almost gone.
- Days go by.
- Rebecca yells at Joe.
- After nine days, Joe becomes dishwasher at Quaker Restaurant on Banff Avenue.
- Works 3–10:30 p.m. shift.
- Doesn't look weird for him to leave Rebecca's basement apartment at 2:30 p.m.
- Flops through Rebecca's detachable window after dark.
- Joe's bike sent to Banff; stores it in Rebecca's basement.
- They ride bikes, read books, hang out at Banff Book and Art Den, go for picnics at Cascade Pits and Lake Minnewanka, drink draught beer at King Edward Hotel, listen to rock 'n' roll good (Stones, Quicksilver) and bad (Eagles), smoke hash oil from Joe's stash.
- RCMP officers known to dress like hippies to infiltrate bars, so they're careful.
- In late August, Joe overhears landlord saying she thinks Rebecca's boyfriend has been living in the house all summer.
- Rebecca leaves for Alberta College of Art.
- Joe leaves for University of Waterloo.