This next step will take the most time and effort. But it is also the most rewarding part of writing a sweet romance.

**Step 4 - Writing**

Once the research for your story has been done and the information you've collected is organized, it's time to start thinking more closely about the characters and plot for your story.

Choose one of the published romance stories you've read recently and answer the following questions about it (write down your answers in your project folder):

1. How did the author introduce the main characer (heroine or hero) and set the stage for the story?

2. What was the conflict that started to propel the story forward?

3. List the complications that started to occur after the conflict was introduced that made the conflict more difficult for the hero/heroine.

4. How did the author increase dramatic tension in the story to create rising action?

5. What was the climax of the story?

6. How did the story end happily?

**Your Assignment**

Once you've answered these questions about a published romance, try to answer them about your own story, even though you haven't written it yet. Your answers will help you develop the plot. Next, use your answers to the questions to start planning each chapter or scene of your story.

Now...sit down and write the opening scene of your story.

Keep writing, scene by scene until you finish your story.

Once you've written the complete first draft of your story, move on to module 5 of this free e-course to learn Step 5 of writing your own sweet romance.