Congratulations! You're now ready for Step 3 of writing your own sweet romance.

**Step 3 - Organizing**

The third step to writing a sweet romance is to collect and organize information you'll need for your story. It's fun to collect information. And when you keep it all organized, it's easier to work on your story because you won't spend time searching for the material you have collected.

**Your Assignment**

Set up a project folder (a plain manila folder or a large brown mailing envelop will do) for your story. This project folder will be used to store all your notes and other materials you collect as you're developing your story.

You might find that it helps you write about your characters and your settings if you can actually "see" these story elements. To do that, look through old magazines for pictures of people and places that look somewhat like the people and places you envision in your story. All these pictures can be stored in your project folder until it's time to start writing. When it's time to write, tack up these pictures on a bulletin board above your computer or writing desk to create a vision board for your novel. As you're introducing your main characters, look closely at the magazine pictures you've chosen to represent these people. Describe the details you see in the pictures so your readers will be able to "see" your characters as clearly as you do. You'll want to include a variety of sensory images that will make your setting come to life. Look through magazines and online for pictures that resemble your setting. Clip them out, or print them if you find them online, and tack them up at your writing space. Notice all the details in the photos. Which of these details could you include in your story to make your setting really come to life?

Once you've completed this assignment, move on to module 4 of this free e-course, for Step 4 of writing your own sweet romance.