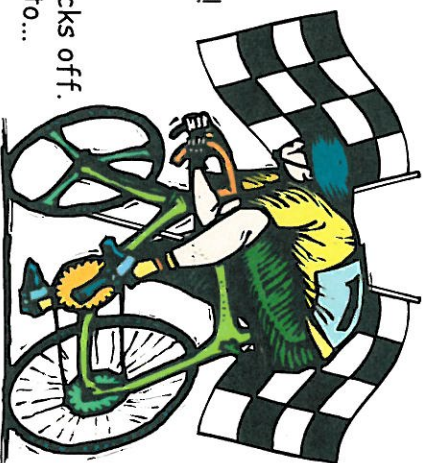


## TRANSITIONAL PHRASES... DON'T START THE RACE AROUND FLORIDA WITHOUT THEM!



This is my favorite part.  
Let me begin.  
Let's start at the beginning.  
Sooner or later...  
On the other hand...  
This may be true, but, ...  
At the same time...  
In the first place.  
Now you see ...  
For instance...  
What happened next still gives me the willies!  
In the meantime...  
And guess what?  
You won't believe what happened next.  
The next thing that happened shocked my socks off.  
Now that we've looked at that, let's move on to...  
The first thing that happened was...  
The first step is a piece of cake.  
This next part is a doozie.  
Now comes the part that got me into trouble.  
When you hear what happened...  
I wish I had more time to tell you about...  
If you think that's bad, wait till you hear what happened next!  
My story wouldn't be complete if I didn't tell you about...  
Come with me and I'll show you what it's like to be ME for a day.  
Oh, and another thing...  
Once that happened...  
Never again will I...  
When I realized what had actually happened...  
I'd like to bring my explanation to an end by telling you...  
Let me remind you...

## What are the SCORERS

## Looking For?

FOCUS ~ Are all of your sentences on the topic? Does everything focus in on the main idea?

ORGANIZATION ~ Do you have a beginning, a middle, and an ending? Are things in order?

SUPPORT ~ Did you support a main idea with juicy details your reader can picture? Does your writing feel complete?

CONVENTIONS ~ Did you use capital letters, end punctuation, and pretty good spelling? Did you invent spelling for words you don't know how to spell? Did you indent?