



## **Instructions and Suggested Timeline Students**

### **September 2019**

1. Teachers register to participate in the competition and receive their blank books.
  2. Visit the EnlightenSC website for videos and general information about electricity, energy, and watch the video explaining the intention and creation of an electric co-op.
  3. Explore and research new technologies in energy like solar energy, smart meters, smart thermostats, or electric vehicle charging stations.
  4. Consult your librarian or media specialist for additional resources, information, and research.
- As a beginning point, explore these suggested websites:

Energy Basics | NREL

EIA Energy Kids - Energy Kids: Energy Information Administration

### **October 2019**

5. Brainstorm possible topics and storylines that you might use to create your story.
6. As you conduct your research, consider documenting the process with photographs. You can then use those photos as inspiration for your illustrations.

### **November 2019**

7. Pre-write and draft your story. Storyboard templates provided.
8. Write, edit, and revise your story.
9. Transfer your writing to your blank book. It can be handwritten or typed.

### **December 2019**

10. Illustrate your story.
11. You do not need to fill all the pages of the blank book. The minimum number of pages that must be completed is 20.

### **January 2020**

12. Include an "Author's Summary" or small introduction and a photograph of the author(s) on the inside back cover. Do the same for the illustrator if a different person.
13. Complete the Author Information sheet and include that with the book entry. \*The information sheet does not need to be attached to the book, but it can be inserted in the back of the book.
14. Submit books by the deadline on Friday, January 31, 2020.