OPEN ENDED STORIES

Sometimes stories don't have endings where everything comes together in a neat package. Some stories leave you wondering what will happen next. These stories are called open ended stories because the writer wants you to continue thinking about the story even after you have finished it. You are left to create some conclusions on your own.

The story "The Eye of God" is an open ended story because it seems to leave you hanging. Think about the events of the story and answer the following questions. Make sure your answers fit in with the story you have read.

1. What do you think happens to the narrator, Little Man, next? Try not to focus too far into the future. What happens when he gets home that night or the next day?

2. How do you think the narrator's brother, Billy, is going to feel the next day now that his little brother is a hero?

Write two or three paragraphs continuing the story. Try to give the short story a closed ending (one that ties everything together). Use the back of this form if necessary.