



## PHOTO STORIES

### BUILD UNDERSTANDING OF ORGANIZING STORY IDEAS

For this exercise, dig out some photo albums - hard copy or electronic.



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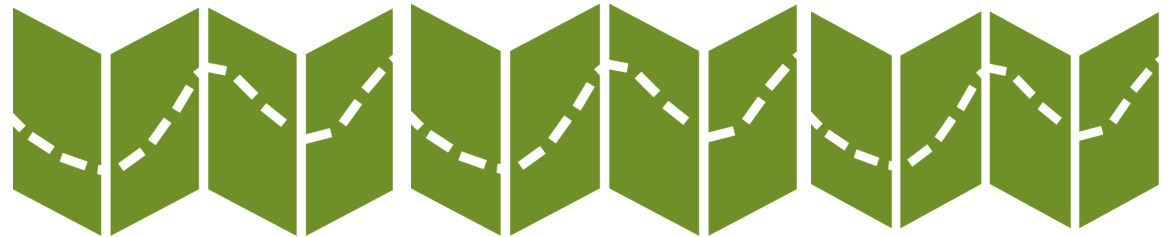
#### make notes

Though photo albums have few or no words, they still tell a story. Look at your album(s)/photo collections and work out:

- Who are the story characters?
- What is the beginning, middle, and end of the story(ies)?
- What are the main events?
- What type of story(ies) do you have here (e.g. family histories, travel, epic, mystery, romance, etc.)?
- Who are the possible audiences for such stories?
- What things are left out of the story(ies) told by the pictures?

#### write

Now choose one story or event to focus on and write the story. After it's completed, give it a title.



#### reflect

Grab your notebook and reflect on the following - or, better yet, if you have a writing buddy, share your story and discuss:

- Was it easy or difficult to come up with a written story based on pictures? Why?
- What did you like about the process?
- What did you find challenging?
- How would this be different if you were asked to write a story and only THEN to include the pictures?
- What would be different if you had created (or been given) the title before looking at the pictures and writing the story? Why?
- What do you want to explore further regarding organizing story ideas?