



STORY HUNT

LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE ROLE OF STORIES
IN YOUR LIFE AND
HOW THIS CAN
IMPROVE YOUR STORY
COMMUNICATIONS..

You'll need a few days to complete this exercise, and it can be a lot of fun to do it with a writing buddy, too.

brainstorm

Start with a bit of brainstorming: What is a story? What HAS to be included in a story (e.g. beginning, middle, end, action, characters, etc.)? Brainstorm examples of different kinds of stories, both written and oral. This is the warm up.

explore

Now, over the next few days, keep a record of every time you come across stories - whether in TV, radio, newspapers, workbooks, sermons, classes, in the streets, at dinner, etc. If you're doing this with a friend, make it a bit of a contest to see who can record the most stories and the most different KINDS of stories.

reflect

Get together with your friend and share what you've discovered - or, if you're working solo, reflect. Make notes on questions such as:

- What surprised you?
- Can people communicate without stories? Why?
- Why do people like stories? NEED stories? How is understanding this important to your craft?
- What are some styles of stories you encountered?
- What's the purpose of using different styles of stories?
- What more would you like to learn about stories and storytelling?

