OURSTORYBRIDGE: BRINGING SHORT-FORM ORAL HISTORIES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY INTO YOUR CLASSROOM



OurStoryBridge is a free resource and tool kit for producing a crowdsourced, community, online story project emphasizing audio history collecting and sharing. Over 1,300 three-to five-minute stories with accompanying photos and podcasts from OurStoryBridge Partner Projects are suggested for classroom use with more added quarterly.

GOALS

Bring your lessons to life!
As primary sources with audio and visual content, lessons come alive and students will connect what they are learning in the classroom to the real world, past and present.

RESOURCES

The Teacher's Guide contains 6 resources:

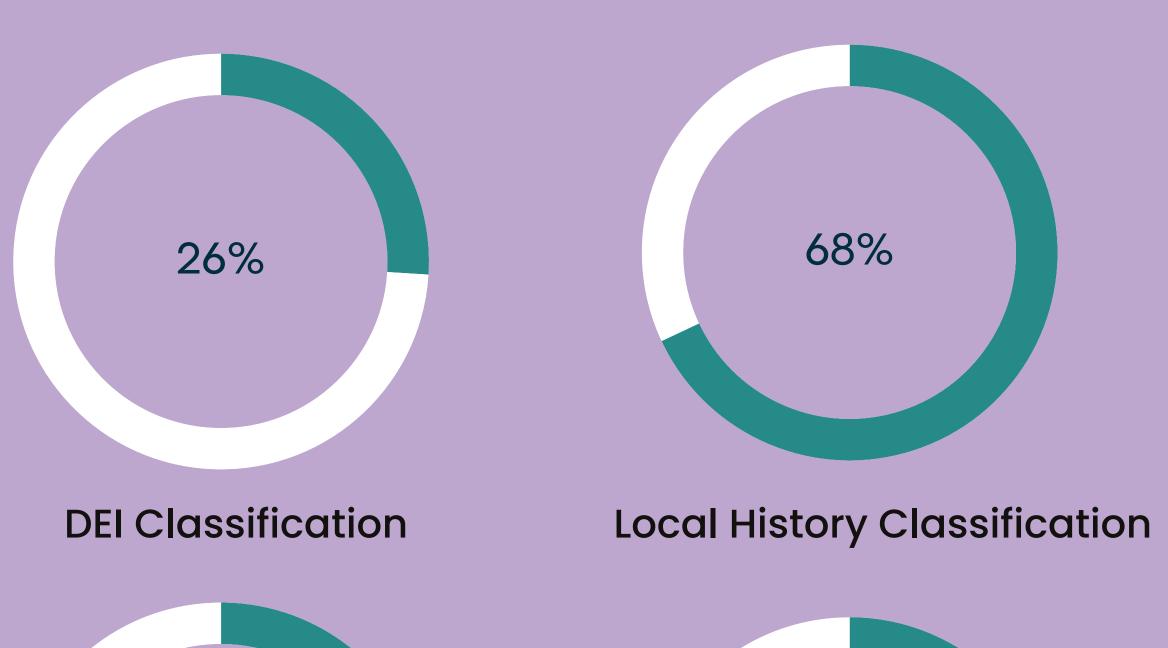
- How to Use the Teacher's Guide.
- Story Summaries: brief descriptions of each narrative's contents.
- Story Selection Chart: categorizes stories by academic discipline for incorporation into lessons.
- **DEI Stories**: a comprehensive list and summary of all stories in this classification with links.
- SchoolStoryBridge: a guide for teachers, librarians, and staff to conduct storytelling projects where students tell their stories.
- Sample School Assignment: a lesson plan for educators to have students listen to and then share their own narratives.

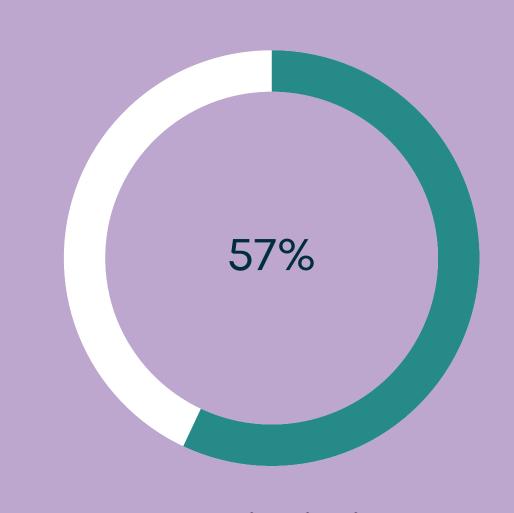


STORIES

STEM Stories

The latest edition contains over 1,300 stories and 29 podcast episode from 28 Partner Projects in 15 states.

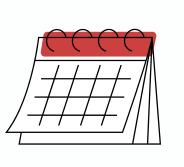




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HOW TO USE THE TEACHER'S GUIDE





Assign stories relevant to a lesson as homework, play them in the classroom, or suggest using them as part of class activities and projects.



Present stories in your class as a way to introduce a topic, make a concept memorable, or stimulate discussion. This can help to make a lesson more engaging!



Guide students to tell stories. Using tools like SchoolStoryBridge can help students at grade-levels to learn narrative organization, public speaking, and foster creativity.



Suggest that students listen and review any of OurStoryBridge's 1,300 short-form oral histories as part of primary source research.



Visit the OurStoryBridge website to access our many free resources including the How-To Guide, SchoolStoryBridge, Sample School Assignment, Story Summaries, Story Selection Chart, DEI Stories, and much more!

NOTE!

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e-Newsletter or follow us
on social media and be the
first to know about updates
to the Teacher's Guide and
our other resources!

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"At Academy of the Sacred Heart in New Orleans, we are using the OurStoryBridge methodology to bring history to life; promoting the investigation of the world with intellectual curiosity and cultural literacy; recognizing and valuing diverse perspectives; and communicating with agility. I love that it is preserving our history and culture while also building empathy." — Soline Holmes, Teacher

"The ability to offer my students unique ways to understand the world around us has pushed me as an educator to go beyond the walls of my classroom. OurStoryBridge's engaging lessons and activities on how to share and collect stories through digital storytelling, has been rewarding in many ways. My students have reflected on appreciating the value of not only their voice, but the voices of community members and beyond. I am grateful for OurStoryBridge and being able to create in real time for my students the power of contributing and listening to vast cultural perspectives and personal experiences in our small town." – Erin Pelkey, Teacher

"At Keene Central School we have used Adirondack Community stories in the classroom to enhance our lessons with this amazing collection and to provide students with firsthand historical knowledge, including models of local civic engagement." — Brad Hurlburt, Teacher

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