

Sample School Assignment

Interpersonal Communications

My Story Assignment

Capturing, Retaining and Communicating the Stories of Who We Are

Assigned: 2/11/20

Due: 3/3/20

Background: A story is a direct line between two people. We all have a story. Every day we listen and tell stories. Storytelling is a way to express emotion and pass on knowledge. It is a vital skill to have as a diverse communicator.

Assignment: Practice the art of storytelling. You are to identify a person to tell a story and conduct a brainstorming session with them. From the brainstorm session, you will help them develop a theme or prompt for a three to five-minute story. There also needs to be three to five visuals (Props or photos) to accompany the story.

Formats: How will you express your three to five-minute story? Video, written, others? (Examples for video and written will be provided on canvas next week)

Part One:

1. Go to <https://www.myadirondackstory.org/>
2. Select three stories and listen to them.
3. Take notes on the story you selected. Include title, storyteller's name, and bullet points on the material covered.
4. Bring notes to class on Thursday, 2/13.

Part Two: Your turn! Select someone to tell a story. It can be you too!

1. Explain the project and build rapport with your storyteller.
2. Brainstorming session (Demo in class). You will conduct another brainstorming session with yourself or interviewee and will turn in that brainstorming sheet on 3/3.
3. Choose the format you will record the story.
4. Practice
5. Record
6. Bring to class on Tuesday, 3/3 to share and turn in.