Intro for KCS Students

**ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY**
Capturing, Retaining, and Communicating the Stories of Who We Are

KCS Student Introduction

**WHAT IS ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY?**
• Adirondack Community: Capturing, Retaining, and Communicating the Stories of Who We Are is a multi-year local history project that collects and organizes audio stories and related photographs from Town of Keene community members through an online platform to share the rich social and cultural history of this community located in New York State’s Adirondack Mountains.
• A “story” is a first-person three-five minutes account by people in their own voice about their own experience and those of their ancestors, accompanied by up to five photos from the library’s archives and posted on myadirondackstory.org in one-three categories.

Go to [myadirondackstory.org](http://myadirondackstory.org)

**THE NUMBERS**

- 2 years of planning 4 focus groups with 21 participants in 2018, 150 initial names of storytellers in worksheet, three months since website released June 2019
- Over 800 people have gone to the website so far, over 275 in storyteller worksheet
- 128 stories in 8 categories, once, twice, or three times
- Half used computers, half mobile devices
- Almost all come directly to myadirondackstory.org
- Most viewed categories are People, Outdoor Activities, and Catastrophes

**COMPLETED**
- Social Justice & Social Change
- Catastrophes & Community Reaction, Water: Part I

**IN PROGRESS**
- Catastrophes & Community Reaction, Fire & Mountains, Part II
- Legacies
- Hiking
- Music
- Farming
- Work
- School Stories
- Volunteers
- Fire Departments
- 1st Ancestors Here
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SELECTED STORIES

https://app.memria.org/stories/public-story-view/1443105109a4e82b4a7a49990e4461

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WHY GET INVOLVED?

• Do you know why the place you live is and was unique?
• Do you understand how your neighbors got here, what they have been through, what people do for work, etc. — to help you figure out your role in life?
• Do you know enough about your neighbors to care about them?
• Do you recognise that hearing about other’s experiences can help you make your life decisions?
• Do you have role models that can guide you now and beyond KCS!

Let each become all he or she is capable of becoming.

YOUR PART

• Listen to stories at myadirondackstory.org
• Come tell a story or more (we will make it easy!)
• Use stories in your schoolwork
• Talk about stories at home and with friends
• Ask friends and neighbors to tell stories

Go to myadirondackstory.org
Email myadirondackstory@gmail.com

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Capturing, Preserving, and Communicating the Stories of Who We Are. Tell Us Your Story!