

Sharing Stories

In this world where we have so many ways to communicate—television, radio, fax, email, text, internet or tweet—we still remain islands with little real communication between us.

Artwork is a way of communicating. The images and/or ideas can be very personal, social or political. In addition, sharing stories of our lives can tell someone a lot about you.

The stories I'm talking about are the small ones. A memory of an incident, a place you felt safe or had fun, something funny that happened when you were small.

Your first step is to think about this. Maybe even talk to family members or friends. Then make a list of 5 things. When you make the list be descriptive with one or two sentences. Something like:

1. My sister and I loved the water so much that when it was too cold to swim, we would sit in our dad's boat and pretend to drive it.
2. When I wanted to be alone, I would climb out an upstairs window and sit on the roof. From there I could see the stars at night, or the neighborhood during the day.
3. In the city it was so hot in the summer, my friends and I would wait for the fire department to open the fire hydrants and play in the street.
4. Once our school went on a field trip to a farm. I loved horses so I ran right up to one only to discover I was extremely allergic. I sneezed and sneezed.

These are some examples of stories from previous semesters. You will have your own.

You will share your list with your team on Google Drive. Your team will rank the ones they think sound most interesting.

Then you will write a short story, expanding on the few sentences written on your list. The stories should reveal something about personal history and/or you. I will share these stories with the men at Riverbend. They will respond with stories of their own.

In the past, this was in in-class assignment and students also illustrated their story. You are welcome to do this if you feel comfortable (see examples). If not, the written story is perfect.

List is due this Saturday in Google Drive I send you via email.

Story will be due in two weeks. See website.

