



An invitation from the RS Department to share your story with us.

How you ever thought about how amazing you are? There is no-one on the planet quite like you. Not in all of human history has there ever been or will there ever be anyone exactly like you. **That is a powerful thought.**

As such, the story of your life, and your family's life is unique...just like your handprint. **And here is your chance to share it...**

What's Your Story? Project



THE AIM

To 'tell' the story of your life- or your family's life- in a creative way. Your story could be as simple as the things that have happened to you in YOUR life since the time you were born. Where you have lived, the things you have achieved, your hobbies, your dreams, your likes and dislikes, your beliefs, your pets, your home, your precious possessions, your friends...

It might be telling the story of YOUR WHOLE FAMILY. Here you will need the help of your family and guardians. Maybe to put together your family tree and share the journey of your family as far back as you can go...

HOW WILL YOU DO THIS?

HOW you produce this project is totally up to you. We have some amazing artists, writers, rappers, dancers, performers, film-makers, cooks, researchers, historians, poets, scientists, and more among you...You might choose to do this project in a way that draws on your strengths. Like a rapper writing a rap! Or you may choose to try something you have never done before- like making a film!



Here are some ideas:

- Write your life story like a novel or short story
- Draw or paint your story as a finished piece of artwork
- Make a classic family tree of your family
- Record a film of your story- might be based on interviews with your family members
- Write and perform a rap or poem about your story: could film it
- Design and create an outfit that shows your life story, maybe showing your cultural heritage or beliefs
- Create a comic book of your story: what title would you give the comic book?
- Cook a meal/ bake a cake that tells your story through colours and ingredients. Set the table, film yourself talking about what it means, or photograph it and write down what it means to you
- Create a photo album of your story with captions that explain the images
- Choreograph a dance that follows your life story. Maybe the dance captures how you have FELT at different times in your life.
- Chalk out on a clear pavement the roadmap of your life with key events. Or draw it on huge paper.
- Design a tattoo of your life story.
- Create a screenplay of your family story, as if you were going to sell it to Hollywood to be made into a movie
- Design a graffiti wall on paper or old newspaper of your life story
- Design and make a set of jewellery (out of paper, card, play-doh etc) that shows your life story. Perhaps it is a charm bracelet where you make each charm to show important things that have happened in your life.
- Write and record a news broadcast of the story of your life, as if you were looking back on your achievements (even learning to ride a bike is an achievement by the way!)

WHERE DO I START?

-Sit down with pen and paper.

-Decide if you are going to tell your story or your family's story. Ask permission if you're going to share family stories.

-Sketch out or list the events you want to cover. Important years. What happened when? What big events? Births, deaths, pets, bike crashes, injuries, achievements like learning to swim, starting new schools, moving house. Could include how you FELT at different points along the way. Could use emojis to record that.

-Once you've got your timeline, decide HOW you want to present this information. Am I going to draw, write, build, film, cook, dance, photograph, computer generate, interview, etc? See what you're in the mood for. Ask your family, or friends, to see what they reckon.

- Then begin! And don't get stressed! This is supposed to be fun! A way of showcasing your story or your family's story...**USE THE CHECKPOINTS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE AS A GUIDE**

TO THINK ABOUT...

How far back, or forward you go in your story is up to you! You are the creator. Maybe it's your lockdown story of the past few months? Or from the day you were born? Or maybe your story begins today and goes into the year 2045?

Remember: stories tell OUR truths but can also contain our fantasies. Maybe you really did meet a dragon on your way to school in year 5! You are the author and creator.

IMPORTANT: YOU choose what you want to share about your life & how personal you make it. Don't put anything in it that makes you feel uncomfortable. You are in charge here! Also, ask permission of your family before you share any family stories too.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ALL THESE AMAZING PROJECTS?

The RS department are keen to use them as part of a big display project next year, so try and make your work your very best quality- as if it is going to go in a public exhibition! But remember, we won't put your work on display without your permission, so don't worry about anything like that now. Just enjoy telling your story!

If you need help along the way or to check-in: email your class teacher

When you have finished: email your work to your class teacher

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CHECKPOINTS FOR THE PROJECT: use these questions as a framework to guide you

- ✓ Who are the main characters in my story?
- ✓ Give 3 words to describe each one
- ✓ What is my story about?
- ✓ Which section of my life/ my family life do I want to share? The whole story? The best year of your life so far? The worst? A time when you had a lifechanging experience- like moving? Or overcoming an accident or illness?
- ✓ What might my story mean? If it were a movie, what would the main theme of it be? A journey to a new country? Finding my passion in life for what I want to do when I grow up? Mastering a skill? Looking after an animal? Being a champion in a team or sport or club? Being an amazing friend and family member? Looking after someone? My journey in my religion?
- ✓ Who is the hero in my story? Is it you?
- ✓ How might my story affect someone else? What can they learn about me or from me?
- ✓ If my story were a Hollywood blockbuster, what would it be called?