



WHY DO STORIES MATTER?

Common Core Standards

This StoryCorps curriculum aligns with the following Common Core State Standards:

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

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COMPREHENSION AND COLLABORATION

1. **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.1:** Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on relevant topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
 - **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.1b:** Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
 - **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.1c:** Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
 - **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.1d:** Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
2. **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.3:** Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence.

PRESENTATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS

3. **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.4:** Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.
4. **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.5:** Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.