



# WHY DO STORIES MATTER?

## Personal Reflection Worksheet

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### ORIGINS OF STORYCORPS

What is a question you have about StoryCorps, after watching this animation?



### STORYCORPS MISSION STATEMENT

StoryCorps' mission is to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world. We do this to remind one another of our shared humanity, to strengthen and build the connections between people, to teach the value of listening, and to weave into the fabric of our culture the understanding that everyone's story matters. At the same time, we are creating an invaluable archive for future generations.

Circle or highlight above, or write down below, words or phrases from the Mission Statement that stand out, or which you think are most important. Also write down a brief explanation of why you chose your selections.



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### STUDENT STORIES GALLERY WALK ACTIVITY

Which story stood out to you the most? Write a brief summary of the story and why it stood out to you?

As a reminder, here are some of the student stories you just read:

- **Angelique:** “I want to be lawyer because I hate when people go to jail for things they never did without a fair trial.”
- **Amanda:** “I remember lying in bed, not being able to breathe.”
- **Chevarie:** “When I think back to how I have overcome a lot of negative things and people, it makes me have a sense of warmth and accomplishment.”
- **Jania:** “You could see how scared I was on my face.”
- **Juan:** “When she smiles, I don’t know how to explain it, but it’s really truthful to me.”
- **Jurule:** “When I looked to check if I was hit, I saw blood pouring out of my arm.”
- **Justin:** “I wasn’t hindered because I didn’t have both of my parent figures.”
- **Kaylynn:** “Having an IEP was kind of sad for me because people looked at me different and most judged before they got to even know me.”
- **Paloma:** “It reminds me that I’m my own person and I can be independent.”
- **Roberto:** “I’m asking myself, ‘Wow, am I really going to be a big brother? Wait, so that means I’m going to become a role model.’”
- **Trey:** “My whole life of living in this works has been geared towards being a better role model for other males in my society.”
- **Wendy:** “I’m very thankful for the sacrifice that my parents made by leaving me behind and working hard to bring me.”